

The British Government interprets this as including the results of such consultations (Official Report, 25 October 1999, column 738).

Does the Council as a whole agree, or do individual Member States have different practices as concerns the openness of the results of these consultations? If so, what are they?

Does a list exist of what arms were exported by a second Member State after the first had declined an export licence?

Reply

(13 March 2000)

It is for Member States to decide how to interpret the confidentiality provisions of the Code of Conduct, bearing in mind that, in case of refusal, notifications communicated under the Code must remain confidential and that the fundamentally bilateral nature of the consultation process must be preserved.

It is not for the Council to comment on Member States' practices in this area.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-2596/99

by Daniel Hannan (PPE-DE) to the Commission

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Subject: Authors of Corpus Juris

Corpus Juris was a 'Green Paper' which did not, ostensibly, reflect the official view of the Commission.

Do any of the document's authors hold official positions in the European Communities?

Do any have an influence on policy development?

Answer given by Mrs Schreyer on behalf of the Commission

(7 February 2000)

The Corpus juris ⁽¹⁾ is neither a green paper nor indeed a Commission document. However, it was drawn up at Parliament's request under the aegis of the Commission. The follow-up report on the Corpus Juris of September 1999 has been informally transmitted to Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control ⁽²⁾.

Drawing up the Corpus juris was entrusted to a committee of eight independent experts, none of whom were performing official duties within the Communities at the time.

On the basis of the ideas formulated in the Corpus juris and the follow-up report, the Commission intends, as does Parliament itself, to push forward the institutions' deliberations on the institutional arrangements which might be proposed, including to the Intergovernmental Conference.

⁽¹⁾ Corpus Juris introducing penal provisions for the purpose of the financial interests of the European Union (Ed. Economica 1997).

⁽²⁾ 'Nécessité, légitimité et faisabilité de Corpus juris'.