

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the ‘Amended proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection status (recast)’**

COM(2011) 319 final — 2009/0165 (COD)

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On 19 July 2011, the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on the

*Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection status (Recast)*

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Since the Committee has already set out its views on the subject of the proposal in question in its opinion on the *Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing international protection (recast)*, adopted on 28 April 2010 <sup>(1)</sup>, it decided, at its 475th plenary session of 26 and 27 October 2011 (meeting of 26 October), by 149 votes to none with 5 abstentions, not to draw up a new opinion on the subject, but to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned document.

Brussels, 26 October 2011.

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<sup>(1)</sup> EESC opinion ‘Minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing international protection (recast)’, OJ C 18 of 19.01.2011, p. 85.