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<sup>(1)</sup> Text with EEA relevance

## I

*(Information)*

## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 September 1997

regarding the future of European cultural action

(97/C 305/01)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and in particular Article 152 thereof,

Acknowledging the importance of cultural action for further development of the Community,

Considering that Article 128 of the Treaty explicitly provides the Community with a cultural dimension,

Taking into consideration guiding principles of the Treaty, such as those enshrined in Article 3b,

Taking into account the Council resolution of 20 January 1997 on the integration of cultural aspects in Community action<sup>(1)</sup>, in particular:

## I.

The reference to the conclusions of the Council and the Ministers for Culture meeting within the Council of 12 November 1992 on guidelines for Community cultural action, whereby:

- the relationship between cultural and other domains should be made more visible,
- the options provided thereto in Article 128 (4) of the Treaty should be utilized more effectively,
- a better balance must be created between the cultural, economic and other dimensions of the policy of the Community, so that these dimensions supplement and support each other;

## II.

Considering that various cultural activities of the European Community fall within different cultural (sub)programmes,

Noting that in addition to those programmes, the Community supports cultural activities in a variety of ways,

Indicating that the establishment of up-to-date overviews regarding cultural action in the Community is essential with a view to coordinating the support of the cultural sector,

In view of the experiences which the Community has acquired in supporting the cultural sector,

Considering that the existing cultural programmes will be concluded in the years ahead,

Considering that since it is essential that the views of the Member States are taken into consideration in the Commission's proposal, it might be appropriate for the Commission, in a way it deems suitable, to consult them on their views on European cultural cooperation,

REQUESTS that the Commission conduct a study into the possibility of setting up a guiding, comprehensive and transparent approach for cultural action within the Community in order to implement Article 128 of the Treaty, and that it table proposals on the future of the European cultural action, including, *inter alia*, the establishment of a single instrument for programming and financing aimed at the implementation of Article 128, while the audiovisual sector already disposes of its own instruments, taking into account the aforesaid considerations and a further evaluation of relevant (sub)programmes, by 1 May 1998 at the latest.

Done at Brussels, 22 September 1997.

*For the Council*

*The President*

F. BODEN

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 36, 5. 2. 1997, p. 4.

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 September 1997

on cross-border fixed book prices in European linguistic areas

(97/C 305/02)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 152 thereof,

RECOGNIZING the dual character of books as the bearers of cultural values and as merchandise; strongly emphasizing the importance of a balanced assessment of the cultural and economic aspects of books,

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance attached by a number of Member States to fixed book prices as a means of maintaining and promoting the diversity and broad accessibility of books, in the consumer's cultural interest, and that the national authorities of those Member States have accepted the restriction of competition entailed by fixed book prices on the grounds of general cultural importance,

POINTING OUT that in some Member States national price fixing systems are being applied,

CONSIDERING that some Member States intend to authorize or draw up complementary cross-border fixed book-price regulations together with another Member State within a homogeneous linguistic area, being of the opinion that such regulations should be possible provided that the fixed price is limited to that linguistic area and to editions published in the language concerned,

NOTING that the Commission of the European Communities has to date felt obliged to consider some of

the cross-border fixed price systems submitted to it as being incompatible with Article 85 (1) or Article 30 of the Treaty and has declared that in those cases the evidence produced in support of exemption within the meaning of 85 (3) was not sufficient,

CONSIDERING that the inclusion in the Treaty of Article 128 (4) has created a new situation, the consequences of which must be clarified with respect to the application of Community competition rules to cross-border fixed book prices,

ASKS the Commission:

— to study the significance of Article 128 (4) for the implementation of those Articles of the Treaty that may concern cross-border fixed book prices, and to indicate, if appropriate, the ways to enable fixed book-price regulations/agreements within homogeneous linguistic areas to be applied,

— to submit the conclusions of the study to the Council.

Done at Brussels, 22 September 1997.

*For the Council*

*The President*

F. BODEN

## COMMISSION

Ecu <sup>(1)</sup>

6 October 1997

(97/C 305/03)

Currency amount for one unit:

Belgian and Luxembourg franc	40,5473	Finnish markka	5,89236
Danish krone	7,48063	Swedish krona	8,37250
German mark	1,96468	Pound sterling	0,690912
Greek drachma	310,517	United States dollar	1,11693
Spanish peseta	165,976	Canadian dollar	1,53075
French franc	6,60462	Japanese yen	136,120
Irish pound	0,764182	Swiss franc	1,61865
Italian lira	1925,00	Norwegian krone	7,84196
Dutch guilder	2,21297	Icelandic krona	79,3466
Austrian schilling	13,8265	Australian dollar	1,54379
Portuguese escudo	200,355	New Zealand dollar	1,75563
		South African rand	5,21327

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*Note:* The Commission also has an automatic fax answering service (No 296 10 97/296 60 11) providing daily data concerning calculation of the conversion rates applicable for the purposes of the common agricultural policy.

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 of 18 December 1978 (OJ L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1971/89 (OJ L 189, 4. 7. 1989, p. 1).  
Council Decision 80/1184/EEC of 18 December 1980 (Convention of Lomé) (OJ L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 34).

Commission Decision No 3334/80/ECSC of 19 December 1980 (OJ L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 27).

Financial Regulation of 16 December 1980 concerning the general budget of the European Communities (OJ L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 23).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3308/80 of 16 December 1980 (OJ L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 1).

Decision of the Council of Governors of the European Investment Bank of 13 May 1981 (OJ L 311, 30. 10. 1981, p. 1).

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FORWARDED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL  
DURING THE PERIOD 22 TO 26. 9. 1997**

(97/C 305/04)

*These documents may be obtained from the Sales Offices, the addresses of which are given on the  
back cover*

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(97) 356	CB-CO-97-359-EN-C	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on the legal protection of services based on, or consisting of, conditional access <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(1)</sup>	9. 7. 1997	22. 9. 1997	24
COM(97) 442	CB-CO-97-452-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the agreement between the European Community, the European Space Agency and the European Organization for the Safety of Air Navigation on a European contribution to the development of a global navigation satellite system <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(1)</sup>	23. 9. 1997	23. 9. 1997	23
COM(97) 457	CB-CO-97-471-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Directive on the extension of Council Directive 94/45/EC of 22 September 1994, on the establishment of a European Works Council or a procedure in Community-scale undertakings and Community-scale groups of undertakings for the purposes of informing and consulting employees, to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>(2)</sup>	23. 9. 1997	23. 9. 1997	18
		Proposal for a Council Directive extending Council Directive 96/34/EC of 3 June 1996, on the framework agreement on parental leave concluded by Unice, CEEP and the ETUC, to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>(2)</sup>			
COM(97) 461	CB-CO-97-476-EN-C	Report No 2 from the Commission to the Council on the application of the early marketing and the calf-processing premium schemes in the beef sector	22. 9. 1997	23. 9. 1997	33
		Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal			
COM(97) 462	CB-CO-97-477-EN-C	Amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive concerning the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations	23. 9. 1997	23. 9. 1997	17
COM(97) 358	CB-CO-97-360-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Directive on end of life of vehicles <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(1)</sup>	9. 7. 1997	24. 9. 1997	40

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(97) 474	CB-CO-97-485-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) concerning the interruption of certain economic relations with Angola in order to induce Unita to fulfil its obligations in the peace process	24. 9. 1997	24. 9. 1997	12
COM(97) 401	CB-CO-97-403-EN-C	Communication from the Commission on the nuclear industries in the European Union (an illustrative nuclear programme according to Article 40 of the Euratom Treaty)	25. 9. 1997	25. 9. 1997	43
COM(97) 463	CB-CO-97-478-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 fixing standard qualities for common wheat, rye, barley, maize, sorghum and durum wheat	24. 9. 1997	25. 9. 1997	7
COM(97) 464	CB-CO-97-479-EN-C	Commission report to the Budgetary Authority on guarantees covered by the general budget — situation at 30 June 1997	25. 9. 1997	25. 9. 1997	54
COM(97) 465	CB-CO-97-480-EN-C	Report on the operation of Directive 87/102/EEC for the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning consumer credit — COM(95) 117 final of 11 May 1995 — Summary report of reactions and comments <sup>(1)</sup>	24. 9. 1997	25. 9. 1997	33
COM(97) 468	CB-CO-97-482-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 2552/93, imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of artificial corundum originating in the People's Republic of China	25. 9. 1997	25. 9. 1997	36

(<sup>1</sup>) This document contains an impact assessment on business, and in particular on SMEs.

(<sup>2</sup>) This document will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

(<sup>3</sup>) Text with EEA relevance.

*NB:* COM documents are available by subscription, either for all editions or for specific subject areas, and by single copy, in which case the price is based pro rata on the number of pages.

**Notification of a joint venture****(Case No IV/E-2/36.658)**

(97/C 305/05)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

1. On 18 September 1997, the Commission received notification pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation No 17/62 <sup>(1)</sup> of a joint venture formed by Mitteldeutsche Erdöl Raffinerie GmbH, Germany, (Mider) and Helm AG, Germany (Helm). The aim of this joint venture, which will have the form of a limited company and which will be known as Mider-Helm Methanol Vertriebs GmbH, is the supply of pure methanol. Mider and Helm will each hold 50 % of the shares in the joint venture.

2. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified joint venture could fall within the scope of Regulation 17/62.

3. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit observations on the operation.

4. Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax ((32-2) 299 24 64) or by post under reference IV/E-2/36.658, to:

European Commission,  
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),  
Directorate E,  
Office 2/46,  
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,  
B-1040 Brussels.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ 13, 21. 2. 1962, p. 204/62.

**Non-opposition to a notified concentration****(Case No IV/M.977 — Fujitsu/Amdahl)**

(97/C 305/06)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

On 8 September 1997, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6 (1) (b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- as a paper version through the sales offices of the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (see list on the last page),
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## II

*(Preparatory Acts)*

## COMMISSION

**Amended proposal for a Council Decision concerning the organization of cooperation around agreed community energy objectives <sup>(1)</sup>**

(97/C 305/07)

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

COM(97) 436 final — 96/0218(CNS)

*(Submitted by the Commission pursuant to Article 189a (2) of the EC Treaty on 28 August 1997)*<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 27, 28. 1. 1997, p. 9.

## ORIGINAL TEXT

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaties, and in particular Article 130 (3) of the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, at the Energy Council of 7 May 1996, the Council, in its resolution on the White Paper 'An energy policy for the European Union', invited the Commission to put in place a process of cooperation between the Community and the Member States in order to ensure that Community and national energy policies are compatible with agreed common energy objectives;

Whereas, this process needs to be placed in the context of a shared analysis of the energy situation and of future trends through cooperation at the Community level between Member States on energy studies;

Whereas the promotion of the internal energy market being a priority task for the Community and the Member States, it is important for the internal energy market that energy trends and issues be analysed at the Community level, through cooperation with the energy sector and by mobilizing all the local, regional, national and Community elements concerned;

## AMENDED TEXT

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaties, and in particular Article 130 (3) of the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas, at the Energy Council of 7 May 1996, the Council, in its resolution on the White Paper 'An energy policy for the European Union', invited the Commission to put in place a process of cooperation between the Community and the Member States in order to ensure that Community and national energy policies are compatible with agreed common energy objectives;

Whereas, this process needs to be placed in the context of a shared analysis of the energy situation and of future trends through cooperation at the Community level between Member States on energy studies;

Whereas the promotion of the internal energy market being a priority task for the Community and the Member States, it is important for the internal energy market that energy trends and issues be analysed at the Community level, through cooperation with the energy sector and by mobilizing all the local, regional, national and Community elements concerned;



## ORIGINAL TEXT

Whereas, this process of cooperation, with due regard to the principle of subsidiarity, must ensure a maximum of coherence and convergence in relation to agreed energy objectives if the Community's economic and environmental policy goals are to be achieved;

Whereas, the Community has a wide range of competencies in the energy sector under the existing Treaties but there is still no comprehensive energy policy framework;

Whereas, the RTD framework programmes based on the EC Treaty and the Euratom Treaty ensure the development of new energy technologies related to the non-nuclear and nuclear energy;

Whereas, without prejudice to the existing responsibilities of Member States as regards their own energy sectors, the White Paper proposes a new approach to energy policy cooperation around agreed energy policy objectives and a new approach to monitoring energy trends, in cooperation with the Member States, which would add value by pinpointing and encouraging best practices, by promoting a cooperative approach to energy studies and analysis and by exchanging relevant experience;

Whereas, a firm commitment to Community energy objectives by Member States requires effective cooperation at Community level to ensure that both national and Community energy policies contribute to their attainment;

Whereas, in the framework of this cooperation, the Commission needs to have regular and appropriate information from Member States so that it can establish periodic reports on the extent to which Member States' energy policies and Community actions contribute to Community energy objectives;

Whereas these periodic reports that evaluate energy developments in a global manner will provide the basis for an examination of energy developments in the Council and for the Commission to make appropriate new legislative proposals;

Whereas, in order to take account of the changing energy situation the Community, on the basis of a Commission proposal, needs to examine periodically, and where necessary to update the agreed common objectives,

## AMENDED TEXT

Whereas, this process of cooperation, with due regard to the principle of subsidiarity, must ensure a maximum of coherence and convergence in relation to agreed energy objectives if the Community's economic and environmental policy goals are to be achieved;

Whereas, the Community has a wide range of competencies in the energy sector under the existing Treaties but there is still no comprehensive energy policy framework;

Whereas, the RTD framework programmes based on the EC Treaty and the Euratom Treaty ensure the development of new energy technologies related to the non-nuclear and nuclear energy; whereas they will concentrate on increasing efficiency and on renewable energy sources and, in the case of nuclear technologies, on safe techniques for final storage;

Whereas, without prejudice to the existing responsibilities of Member States as regards their own energy sectors, the White Paper proposes a new approach to energy policy cooperation around agreed energy policy objectives and a new approach to monitoring energy trends, in cooperation with the Member States, which would add value by pinpointing and encouraging best practices, by promoting a cooperative approach to energy studies and analysis and by exchanging relevant experience;

Whereas, a firm commitment to Community energy objectives by Member States requires effective cooperation at Community level to ensure that both national and Community energy policies contribute to their attainment;

Whereas, in the framework of this cooperation, the Commission needs to have regular and appropriate information from Member States so that it can establish periodic reports on the extent to which Member States' energy policies and Community actions contribute to Community energy objectives;

Whereas these periodic reports that evaluate energy developments in a global manner will provide the basis for an examination of energy developments in the Council and for the Commission to make appropriate new legislative proposals;

Whereas, in order to take account of the changing energy situation the Community, on the basis of a Commission proposal, needs to examine periodically, and where necessary to update the agreed common objectives,

## ORIGINAL TEXT

## AMENDED TEXT

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

A framework for energy cooperation between the Community and the Member States is hereby established around agreed Community energy objectives which are set out in the annex, and which, while constituting specific measures in support of actions taken in the Member States, will notably contribute to:

- achieving a high level of competitiveness in the Community,
- increasing security of supply,
- protecting the environment,
- promoting the rational and efficient use of energy resources and new and renewable energy,
- promoting international energy cooperation and liberalization,
- ensuring transparency of national and Community energy policy actions,
- developing an analysis and monitoring of the energy market.

*Article 2*

1. In order to achieve the agreed energy objectives described in Article 1, the Commission will ensure the following:

1. the monitoring of the impact of agreed common energy objectives of energy policy developments in Member States and of the evolution of the global energy situation in view of a possible adaptation of the common energy objectives set out in the annex;
2. the scrutiny of Community and national actions in the energy field and the exchange of best practices;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

A framework for energy cooperation between the Community and the Member States is hereby established around agreed Community energy objectives which are set out in the annex, and which, while constituting specific measures in support of actions taken in the Member States, will notably contribute to:

- achieving a high level of competitiveness in the Community,
- increasing security of supply,
- avoiding surplus capacity,
- protecting the environment,
- promoting the rational and efficient use of energy resources and new and renewable energy,
- promoting international energy cooperation and liberalization,
- securing initiatives, including those taken at national level, which are designed to promote and develop sustainable energy technologies,
- ensuring transparency of national and Community energy policy actions,
- developing an analysis and monitoring of the energy market,
- reducing energy consumption.

*Article 2*

1. In order to achieve the agreed energy objectives described in Article 1, the Commission will ensure the following:

1. the monitoring of the impact of agreed common energy objectives on energy policy developments in Member States and of the evolution of the global energy situation in view of a possible adaptation of the common energy objectives set out the annex;
2. the scrutiny of Community and national actions in the energy field and the exchange of best practices;

## ORIGINAL TEXT

3. the monitoring, evaluation and exchange of energy related information on all aspects of energy activity;
4. the development of cooperation and linkages in the energy field;
5. the encouragement of the broad dissemination of the results obtained from the measures in 3 and 4.

2. The Commission will examine the necessity of specific Community actions in support of measures taken in the Member States;

*Article 3*

1. The Commission shall be informed annually of the measures taken by Member States for achieving the agreed common energy objectives referred to in the annex and on any other measure relevant to these objectives.

2. The Commission will prepare on the basis of the information obtained, where appropriate, a report in the form of a communication, on the compatibility of energy policies in the Member States and Community actions in the energy field with the agreed common energy objectives. This report shall be forwarded to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on ...

*Article 5*

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

## AMENDED TEXT

3. the monitoring, evaluation and exchange of energy related information on all aspects of energy activity;
4. the development of cooperation and linkages in the energy field;
5. the encouragement of the broad dissemination of the results obtained from the measures in 3 and 4;
- 5b. the development and rapid introduction of a taxation or incentive system commensurate with sustainable energy policy objectives.

2. In the framework of its responsibilities within the meaning of the Treaty, and in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity, the Commission will propose specific Community actions and/or programmes to attain the agreed energy policy objectives listed in the annex. It will also examine the necessity of specific Community actions in support of measures taken in the Member States.

*Article 3*

1. The Commission shall be informed annually of the measures taken by Member States for achieving the agreed common energy objectives referred to in the annex and on any other measure relevant to these objectives.

2. The Commission will prepare on the basis of the information obtained, where appropriate, but at least every two years, a report in the form of a communication, on the compatibility of energy policies in the Member States and Community actions in the energy field with the agreed common energy objectives. The report shall also contain a comparative presentation of whether and to what extent the Member States have made progress towards the achievement of the agreed energy policy objectives. This report shall be forwarded to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions,

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on ...

*Article 5*

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

ORIGINAL TEXT

AMENDED TEXT

## ANNEX

## AGREED COMMON ENERGY OBJECTIVES

1. Energy policy at the Community level should contribute to the achievement of the various energy objectives set out in the Treaties notably, market integration, sustainable development, environmental protection and security of supply.
  2. The integration of the Community energy market, based on the principle of open and competitive markets, is essential for achieving flexibility, efficiency and long-term security in the energy sector. Integration should take into account the diverse energy mix of the Member States, both fossil and non-fossil, and enhance economic and social cohesion particularly through the development of trans-European networks.
  3. Transparent and undistorted energy prices with the aim of ensuring that markets for all fuels in the Community work efficiently and are fully competitive.
  4. In order to achieve the Treaty objective of sustainable development, energy and environmental objectives need to be integrated. Wherever possible the full cost of energy production and consumption should be reflected in the price. Economic non-fossil fuels such as renewables and nuclear incorporating the highest safety standards, can make an important contribution to this goal.
  5. The strengthening of security of supply through improved diversification and flexibility of domestic and imported supplies, by developing environmentally sound indigenous energy resources and by ensuring energy has the ability to respond quickly and flexibly to supply emergencies, notably with respect to oil and gas.
  6. A coordinated approach to external energy relations in order to ensure free and open trade and a secure framework for energy investments. Cooperation with non-member countries should be developed to enhance energy security, to achieve environmental goals and to stimulate the development and dissemination of appropriate energy technologies to third countries.
  7. The promotion of renewable energy resources through supportive measures at both Community and national level with the aim of achieving for this fuel a significant share of primary energy production in the Community by 2010.
  8. A significant improvement in energy efficiency in the Community by the year 2010 through and improved coordination of both national and Community measures.
1. Energy policy at the Community level should contribute to the achievement of the various energy objectives set out in the Treaties notably, market integration, sustainable development, environmental protection and security of supply.
  2. The integration of the Community energy market, based on the principle of open and competitive markets, is essential for achieving flexibility, efficiency and long-term security in the energy sector. Integration should take into account the diverse energy mix of the Member States, both fossil and non-fossil, and enhance economic and social cohesion particularly through the development of trans-European networks.
  3. Transparent energy prices with the aim of ensuring that markets for all fuels in the Community work efficiently and, taking into account the goal of environmentally sustainable development, operate on the basis of fair competition.
  4. In order to achieve the Treaty objective of sustainable development, energy and environmental objectives need to be integrated. Wherever possible the full cost of energy production and consumption should be reflected in the price. Economic non-fossil fuels such as renewables and nuclear incorporating the highest safety standards, can make an important contribution to this goal.
  5. The strengthening of security of supply through improved diversification and flexibility of domestic and imported supplies, by developing environmentally sound indigenous energy resources and by ensuring energy has the ability to respond quickly and flexibly to supply emergencies, notably with respect to oil and gas.
  6. A coordinated approach to external energy relations in order to ensure free and open trade and a secure framework for energy investments using the best possible environmentally acceptable technologies. Cooperation with non-member countries should be developed to enhance energy security, to achieve environmental goals and to stimulate the development and dissemination of appropriate energy technologies to third countries.
  7. The promotion of renewable energy resources through supportive measures at both Community and national level with the aim of achieving for this fuel a significant share of primary energy production in the Community by 2010.
  8. A significant improvement in energy efficiency in the Community by the year 2010 through and improved coordination of both national and Community measures.

## ORIGINAL TEXT

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In order to contribute to the achievement of the above objectives the Community will use the large range of instruments in the energy sector that are available to it, notably:

- research and development and the dissemination of new and improved energy technologies,
- harmonizing the fiscal structure on energy products to avoid distortions,
- applying the competition rules of the Treaties with a maximum of transparency and consistency,
- standardization in the energy sector,
- monitoring the internal market,
- instruments for cooperation and assistance with third countries,
- development of cost-effective instruments for limiting the negative environmental side effects of the production, transport and use of energy.

## AMENDED TEXT

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In order to contribute to the achievement of the above objectives the Community will use the large range of instruments in the energy sector that are available to it, notably:

- harmonization of framework conditions.
  - research and development and the dissemination of new and improved energy technologies,
  - harmonizing the fiscal and environmental instruments on energy products to avoid distortions,
  - applying the competition rules of the Treaties with a maximum of transparency and consistency,
  - standardization in the energy sector,
  - monitoring the internal market,
  - instruments for cooperation and assistance with third countries,
  - development of cost-effective instruments for limiting the negative environmental side effects of the production, transport and use of energy,
-