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**COUNCIL COMMON POSITION**

**of 20 July 2000**

**suspending, for a limited period, Article 4 of Common Position 1999/318/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and repealing Common Position 2000/176/CFSP**

(2000/454/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In Common Position 2000/176/CFSP <sup>(1)</sup>, the Council decided to suspend Article 4 of Common Position 1999/318/CFSP <sup>(2)</sup> for six months.
- (2) In its conclusions of 10 July 2000 the Council decided, in support of civil society, to extend the suspension of the flight ban until 31 March 2001.
- (3) Article 4 of Common Position 1999/318/CFSP should be suspended and Common Position 2000/176/CFSP should be repealed accordingly.
- (4) Action is required at Community level in order to implement fully the measures resulting from this suspension,

HAS ADOPTED THIS COMMON POSITION:

*Article 1*

Article 4 of Common Position 1999/318/CFSP shall be suspended until 31 March 2001.

*Article 2*

The suspension laid down in Article 1 will be kept under constant review.

*Article 3*

Common Position 2000/176/CFSP shall be repealed.

*Article 4*

This Common Position shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

*Article 5*

This Common Position shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2000.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
F. PARLY

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 56, 1.3.2000, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 123, 13.5.1999, p. 1.

**COUNCIL COMMON POSITION**  
**of 20 July 2000**  
**concerning a prohibition on imports of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone**

(2000/455/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 5 July 2000 the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1306 (2000) prohibiting the direct or indirect import of all rough diamonds from Sierra Leone for an initial period of 18 months, while exempting imports of rough diamonds whose origin is certified by the Government of Sierra Leone.
- (2) Action by the Community is needed in order to implement the measures cited below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS COMMON POSITION:

*Article 1*

The direct or indirect import of all rough diamonds from Sierra Leone to the Community under the conditions set out in UNSCR 1306 (2000) will be prohibited.

*Article 2*

Rough diamonds controlled by the Government of Sierra Leone through the Certificate of Origin regime consistent with paragraph 5 of Resolution 1306 (2000) will be exempt from the measure referred to in Article 1.

*Article 3*

This Common Position shall be reviewed as the need arises.

*Article 4*

This Common Position shall take effect on the date of its adoption.  
It shall be applicable until 5 January 2002.

*Article 5*

This Common Position shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2000.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
F. PARLY

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**COUNCIL JOINT ACTION**

**of 20 July 2000**

**regarding a contribution of the European Union towards reinforcing the capacity of the Georgian authorities to support and protect the OSCE Observer Mission on the border of the Republic of Georgia with the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation**

(2000/456/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and in particular Article 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Helsinki European Council expressed its deep concern at the threat the continuing conflict in Chechnya poses to the stability of the Caucasus region and possible spillover from the fighting in Chechnya to Georgia and the effects on her territorial integrity.
- (2) On 10 April 2000, President Shevardnadze of Georgia requested the assistance of the European Union to contribute to Georgia's efforts to ensure the protection of its borders and neighbouring regions and to improve protection against terrorist threats, in particular against the OSCE Observer Mission on the Georgian border with the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation.
- (3) The OSCE Observer Mission contributes to stability in the region by providing detailed information on the traffic and events around the border in order to diffuse possible tensions.
- (4) From 17 to 22 June 2000, General Sir Garry Johnson, as a representative of the Presidency of the European Union, carried out an assessment mission on the spot and concluded that there is a clear need for equipment to permit the Georgian Border Guards to perform their duties effectively, in particular the protection of the OSCE Observer Mission.
- (5) There is a need to implement this Joint Action rapidly.
- (6) The Commission has agreed to be entrusted with certain tasks necessary for the implementation of this Joint Action,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

*Article 1*

1. The European Union shall provide assistance to reinforce the capacity of the Georgian authorities to provide, through their Border Guards, support and protection for the OSCE Observer Mission on the border of Georgia with the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation.
2. For this purpose, the European Union shall provide aid to the Government of Georgia by 15 September 2000 in the form

of equipment which shall be transported to the Shatili border post by 30 September 2000.

*Article 2*

1. The Council shall entrust the Commission with the implementation of this Joint Action with a view to meeting the objective specified in Article 1(2).
2. The Commission shall monitor and evaluate the effective delivery of the equipment to the Georgian Border Guards, its further use and the successful implementation of this Joint Action.
3. The Commission shall report to the Council under the authority of the Presidency assisted by the Secretary-General of the Council, High Representative for the CFSP.
4. In carrying out its activities, the Commission will cooperate, as appropriate, with local missions of Member States.

*Article 3*

1. The financial reference amount for the purposes referred to in Article 1 shall be EUR 1 million.
2. The management of the expenditure financed by the amount specified in paragraph 1 shall be subject to the procedures and rules of the Community applying to budget matters.

*Article 4*

1. This Joint Action shall enter into force on the day of its adoption. It shall expire on 31 December 2000.
2. This Joint Action shall be reviewed by 30 September 2000 in order to ensure the respect of the timetable set out in Article 1(2).

*Article 5*

This Joint Action shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2000.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
F. PARLY

**COUNCIL DECISION**  
**of 20 July 2000**  
**implementing Common Position 1999/691/CFSP on support to democratic forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY)**

(2000/457/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and, in particular, Article 23(2) thereof,

Having regard to Common Position 1999/691/CFSP, adopted by the Council on 22 October 1999, on support to democratic forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 1 of Common Position 1999/691/CFSP, the European Union undertook actively to support all forces in the FRY which demonstrate their full commitment to democratic values; in that connection, the Council adopted Decision 2000/82/CFSP <sup>(2)</sup> implementing that Common Position with regard to the 'Energy for Democracy' initiative.
- (2) It is appropriate to support certain Serbian democratic municipalities by delivering asphalt to them; deliveries of asphalt fall within the framework of the 'Energy for Democracy' initiative; given that asphalt is a product derived from oil, delivery thereof serves a policy objective which is identical to that of the said initiative and the beneficiaries are chosen according to the same criteria.
- (3) It is also necessary to take a decision on the municipalities to which the said initiative will be extended.

- (4) Subsequent action by the Community is needed in order to implement the measure cited below,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Within the framework of the support to democratisation in the FRY referred to in Article 1 of Common Position 1999/691/CFSP, the supply, sale or export of petroleum and petroleum products shall be authorised for the following Serbian municipalities: Cacak, Pancevo, Uzice, Kikinda, Arilje, Pozega, Presevo and Sabac.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

*Article 3*

This Decision is published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2000.

*For the Council*

*The President*

F. PARLY

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 273, 23.10.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 26, 2.2.2000, p. 1.

**COMMON STRATEGY OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL**  
**of 19 June 2000**  
**on the Mediterranean region**

(2000/458/CFSP)

THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, in particular Article 13(2) thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS COMMON STRATEGY:

PART I

**VISION OF THE EU FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

1. The Mediterranean region is of strategic importance to the EU. A prosperous, democratic, stable and secure region, with an open perspective towards Europe, is in the best interests of the EU and Europe as a whole.
2. The Mediterranean region continues to be faced with political, economic, judicial, ecological and social challenges. If these complex and diverse challenges are to be overcome, the EU and the Mediterranean partners must work together with a common vision, sensitivity and mutual respect.
3. The EU's Mediterranean policy is guided by the principle of partnership, a partnership which should be actively supported by both sides. The EU will work with its Mediterranean partners to: develop good neighbourly relations; improve prosperity; eliminate poverty; promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy, good governance and the rule of law; promote cultural and religious tolerance, and develop cooperation with civil society, including NGOs. It will do so by supporting the efforts of the Mediterranean partners to attain the goals set out by the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, by using its bilateral relations to pursue these objectives, and by contributing to the creation of a peaceful environment in the Middle East.
4. This Common Strategy builds on the Euro-Mediterranean partnership established by the Barcelona Declaration and its subsequent *acquis*, the Berlin Declaration and the European Union's long-standing policy towards the Mediterranean with its bilateral and regional components.
5. The EU is convinced that the successful conclusion of the Middle East Peace Process on all its tracks, and the resolution of other conflicts in the region, are important prerequisites for peace and stability in the Mediterranean. Given its interests in the region and its close and long-standing

ties with its constituent countries, the Union aspires to play its full part in bringing about stability and development in the Middle East. The cooperation that has already been initiated in the framework of the Barcelona Process is a determining factor in laying the foundations for after peace has been achieved. The Union will therefore support the efforts of the parties to implement the peace agreements. In this regard the adoption of the Euro-Mediterranean Charter for Peace and Stability, an objective which predates the adoption of this strategy, should be a deciding factor in the post-conflict process in the Mediterranean.

6. Bearing in mind the vital importance of the Mediterranean region to the EU, and with a view to further strengthening its Mediterranean dimension, the European Council adopts this Common Strategy. It covers all the EU's relations with all its partners in the Barcelona Process, and with Libya. But it does not include the EU's bilateral relations with those Mediterranean countries which are candidates for EU membership, since those relations are covered by the Accession Process. While the European Union will continue to play its full role in the Middle East Peace Process according to its *acquis* including the Berlin Declaration, this Common Strategy will cover the EU's contribution to the consolidation of peace in the Middle East once a comprehensive peace settlement has been achieved.

PART II

**OBJECTIVES**

7. The European Union has the following goals in its policy towards the Mediterranean region:
  - to make significant and measurable progress towards achieving the objectives of the Barcelona Declaration and its subsequent *acquis*, i.e.:
  - to establish a common area of peace and stability through a political and security partnership,
  - to create an area of shared prosperity through an economic and financial partnership,
  - to establish a partnership in social, cultural and human affairs: developing human resources, promoting understanding between cultures and exchanges between civil societies,

- to promote the core values embraced by the EU and its Member States, including human rights, democracy, good governance, transparency and the rule of law,
  - to encourage and assist Mediterranean partners with the process of achieving free trade with the EU and among themselves in the terms of the Barcelona Declaration, economic transition and attracting increased investment to the region,
  - to strengthen cooperation in the field of justice and home affairs, as outlined by the Tampere European Council,
  - to pursue, in order to fight intolerance, racism and xenophobia, the dialogue between cultures and civilisations.
8. As far as security matters are concerned, the EU intends to make use of the evolving common European policy on security and defence to consider how to strengthen, together with its Mediterranean Partners, cooperative security in the region.
9. The Union has already played an active role in the past in the efforts to establish a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East and to bring about stability and development in the region. It regards the cooperation that has already been initiated in the framework of the Barcelona Process as a determining factor in providing a foundation on which to build once peace has been achieved. Within the framework of this Common Strategy, and taking its paragraph 6 into account, the European Union sets itself as objectives:
- to promote conditions which will help the parties implement agreements concluded among themselves,
  - to develop the basis for normal good-neighbourly relations and encourage the parties to engage in regional cooperation,
  - to contribute to the consolidation of peace in the region, including economic integration and mutual understanding between civil societies.
10. To increase the effectiveness, impact and visibility of EU actions and initiatives in the region, the following general objectives will be pursued:
- to enhance coordination, coherence and complementarity and ensure synergies between the different existing regional and subregional activities, instruments and interventions of the EU and its Member States,
  - to ensure complementarity of the EU's Mediterranean policy with EU policies concerning other partners.

## PART III

## AREAS OF ACTION AND SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

11. The EU will, together with its Mediterranean partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the Barcelona Process with the aim of reinvigorating the Process and making it more action-oriented and results-driven.
12. The European Union will endeavour to pursue the following specific initiatives, without precluding possible new initiatives, which could, where appropriate, take account of the specific situations and needs of the countries, regions or sub-regions concerned.

## Political and security aspects

13. The EU will strengthen the political and security-related dialogue with its Mediterranean partners at all levels: bilaterally with individual Mediterranean partners; in the Barcelona framework, including the Euro-Mediterranean Charter for Peace and Stability after its entry into force; and in other multilateral contexts:
- to identify common ground on security issues aiming at establishing a common area of peace and stability,
  - to elaborate partnership-building measures, notably by promoting regular consultations and exchanges of information with its Mediterranean partners,
  - to provide timely and appropriate information on initiatives that could be of concern to other Mediterranean partners,
  - to reinforce cooperation against global challenges to security, such as terrorism, organised crime and drug trafficking,
  - to cooperate on possible arrangements for conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation including the encouragement of the peaceful settlement of conflicts and disputes, including by judicial means,
  - to explore possibilities to address problems of anti-personnel landmines in the Mediterranean region through cooperation in mine action, including mine clearance, mine awareness and victim assistance, with a view to promoting the objectives of the Ottawa Convention,
  - to promote the signature and ratification by Mediterranean partners of all non-proliferation instruments, including the NPT, CWC, BWC and CTBT,
  - to pursue a mutually and effectively verifiable Middle East zone free of weapons of mass-destruction, nuclear, chemical and biological, and their delivery systems.

In this context, the EU will take into account further developments of the common European security and defence policy.

### **Democracy, human rights and the rule of law**

14. In the framework of the Barcelona Process and in its bilateral relations with Mediterranean partners, the EU will:

- actively promote the strengthening of democratic institutions and the rule of law, in particular through political dialogue and support for judicial reform, institution building, and freedom of expression, notably through the strengthening of the independent media,
- support and encourage efforts to promote good governance,
- stress the importance of promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms for all including by support for governmental and non-governmental actors in the region through human rights training, monitoring, advocacy and awareness-raising,
- in the context of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, urge accession to international human rights instruments including full implementation of civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,
- take measures to persuade all Mediterranean partners to abolish the death penalty in accordance with agreed EU guidelines.

### **Peace in the Middle East**

15. The EU will, taking paragraph 6 of this Common Strategy into account,

- provide its expertise, submit ideas and make available its good offices and assistance to the core parties of the Peace Process in order to facilitate the conclusion of peace agreements and help prepare the 'post peace era' in the Middle East,
- actively promote progress on the multilateral track of the Peace Process drawing also on synergies with the Barcelona Process. With regard to central issues such as water and refugees, the EU will offer its expertise whenever requested,
- in the context of a comprehensive settlement, and on request by the core parties, give consideration to the participation of Member States in the implementation of security arrangements on the ground,
- contribute to the international commitment needed to implement and consolidate peace in the Middle East, notably through support to regional economic cooperation and integration and the expansion of trade flows,

- work towards strengthening stability in the Middle East by means of cooperative security through its contributions to the implementation of the Euro-Mediterranean Charter for Peace and Stability once it is adopted and has entered into force.

### **Economic and financial aspects**

16. The EU will:

- actively work on the implementation of Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements, notably by further promoting the progressive liberalisation of trade in all areas relevant to the partners, in the terms of the Barcelona Declaration,
- make every effort to speed up the conclusion and implementation of the remaining Association Agreements,
- support measures to increase the attractiveness of the region to investors, particularly through the creation of a larger market, encouraging the alignment of policies relating to the EU single market, improving the regulatory framework, ensuring fair and equitable treatment of investors and raising awareness in the EU of investment opportunities in the region,
- encourage and support subregional cooperation, such as within the Arab Maghreb Union, within a framework leading to wider regional cooperation,
- encourage and support efforts by Mediterranean partners to increase South-South trade, particularly through South-South trade agreements and the progressive harmonisation of rules of origin,
- assist Mediterranean Partners in strengthening their capacity to formulate appropriate trade policies and to participate actively in trade negotiations, in particular with regard to the development of the Euro-Mediterranean free trade area and future negotiations in the WTO,
- encourage the liberalisation of current account payments with a view to full liberalisation of capital movements as soon as possible. It will also promote the euro as the contract and settlement currency for Mediterranean trade,
- support the interconnection of infrastructure between Mediterranean partners, and between them and the EU, drawing on the experience of trans-European networks (TENs) in transport, energy and telecommunications,
- encourage policies enhancing the role of the private sector and the promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises in Mediterranean partner countries, notably export-oriented SMEs, as one of the most effective means of wider job creation,

- ensure that appropriate consideration is given to the objective of creating a market economy with a social dimension, including core labour standards and the promotion of gender equality.
17. The EU will encourage WTO membership by all partners on the appropriate terms.
18. The EU will maximise the impact of financial cooperation through the EU budget, notably MEDA, and the EIB, by the following measures:
- the European Community and the Member States will coordinate their respective financial and development cooperation strategies, programmes and actions in favour of the Mediterranean partners, and will also work with other donors, to ensure coherence, complementarity and, where appropriate, co-financing,
  - the European Union will enhance economic dialogue with Mediterranean partners, notably in the context of programming of financial assistance, with a view to promoting speedier economic transition, sound fiscal and monetary policies and structural reform,
  - the Commission will ensure that other resources from the Community budget available to benefit the Mediterranean partners are used coherently. Improved coordination will be sought with other relevant EU programmes (fifth R & D framework programme confirming the international role of Community research with partners, Synergy, LIFE, Interreg III).
19. The EU will promote better integrated water strategies and water-management policies in the Mediterranean region.

### Environment

20. The EU will ensure that account is taken of the need to promote better integration of environmental concerns with a view to the sustainability of economic development.

### Social and cultural aspects

21. In addition to cooperation within the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, the EU will:
- take all necessary measures to facilitate and encourage the involvement of civil society as well as the further development of human exchanges between the EU and the Mediterranean partners. NGOs will be encouraged to participate in cooperation at bilateral and regional

levels. Particular attention will be paid to the media and universities,

- support efforts towards promoting cooperation in social matters, including the promotion of equal opportunities for men and women, and towards strengthening social dialogue,
- encourage efforts to improve education and vocational training, in particular for young people and women with the objective of enhancing their integration into the labour markets. In this context, regional cooperation will be improved through the exchange of best practices, transfer of know-how and capacity-building.

### Justice and home affairs

22. Building on the *acquis* of the Barcelona Process and further to the conclusions of the European Council in Tampere, the EU will:
- act in accordance with the Geneva Refugee Convention and other relevant instruments, and promote full compliance by the Mediterranean partners,
  - study the simplification and acceleration of visa issue procedures,
  - promote the identification of correspondences between legal systems of different inspirations in order to resolve civil law problems relating to individuals: laws of succession and family law, including divorce,
  - promote transparency and greater predictability of legal systems in the partners in order to encourage foreign investment, and to encourage lawful migrants to pursue activities in favour of co-development with their countries of origin,
  - ensure that the rules of transfer of profits are liberalised and find solutions avoiding double taxation, particularly for lawful migrants and those with dual nationality,
  - develop effective cooperation mechanisms to fight against illegal immigration networks, including trafficking in human beings, *inter alia*, through the establishment of readmission arrangements relating to own and third country nationals as well as persons without nationality,
  - enter into dialogues with a view to setting up modern and effective border control systems, offering, *inter alia*, access to training programmes and exchanges of officials,

- work with Mediterranean partners to address the question of migration, taking into full consideration the economic, social and cultural realities faced by partner countries. Such an approach would require combating poverty, improving living conditions and job opportunities, preventing conflicts, consolidating democratic states and ensuring respect for human rights,
  - develop a common approach to ensure the integration into society of Mediterranean partners' nationals who have been lawfully resident in a Member State for a certain period of time and hold a long-term residence permit, aiming at approximating their legal status in that Member State to that enjoyed by EU citizens,
  - exchange information and statistics with the Mediterranean partners on migration flows.
23. The EU will develop further its cooperation with Mediterranean partners to combat organised crime, including drug trafficking and money laundering, in particular through:
- assistance in training for members of the judiciary and law enforcement authorities with an emphasis on information on the Union's *acquis* in the field of organised crime,
  - offering collaboration with Mediterranean partners to develop the necessary legal, institutional and judicial framework for the effective prosecution of these offences, and to develop cooperation mechanisms to combat cross-border crime.

The EU will continue to encourage Mediterranean partners to adhere to the UN's international conventions on terrorism, and to follow the principle that the fight against terrorism must be firmly based on the principles of international law and the respect for human rights.

#### PART IV

### INSTRUMENTS AND MEANS

#### General provisions

24. This Common Strategy will be implemented by the EU institutions and bodies, each acting within the powers attributed to them by the Treaties, and in accordance with the applicable procedures under those Treaties.
25. For the aspects of this Common Strategy falling within the CFSP of the Union, the Secretary-General of the Council/High Representative for the CFSP, supported by the Special Envoy for the Middle East Peace Process, shall assist the Council and the Presidency in its implementation and in the implementation of the acts adopted on its basis. Without prejudice to its powers under the EC Treaty, the

Commission shall be fully associated in accordance with Articles 18 and 27 of the EU Treaty.

26. The Council and the Commission shall, in accordance with Article 3 of the EU Treaty, ensure the consistency, unity and effectiveness of the Union's action. The effectiveness of this Common Strategy will be optimised by ensuring the greatest possible coherence between the various instruments and areas of activity undertaken by the Union, and between the activities of the Union and those of the Member States. The Union will ensure complementarity between its Mediterranean policy and other policies.
27. Member States shall contribute to the objectives of this Common Strategy by making appropriate and coordinated use of all relevant instruments and means available to them. Current arrangements by which Member States recognise States, decide on a State's membership of international organisations, or decide on the maintenance and conduct of bilateral diplomatic and other (such as political, sporting and cultural bilateral relations) will not be affected by this Common Strategy.

#### The Council, the Commission and Member States

28. The Council, the Commission and Member States shall:
- review, according to their competencies and capacities, existing actions, programmes, instruments, and policies outside the Barcelona Declaration and acts implementing it, to ensure their consistency with this Common Strategy, and, where there are inconsistencies, make the necessary adjustments at the earliest review date,
  - make full and appropriate use of existing instruments and means as well as all relevant EU and Member States' programmes, and to develop and maintain to this end an indicative inventory of the resources of the Union, the Community and Member States through which this Common Strategy will be implemented.

#### Coordination

29. Member States shall make additional efforts to coordinate their actions vis-à-vis the Mediterranean region, including within regional and international organisations such as the Council of Europe, the UN, the OSCE, and the IFIs; such coordination shall take due account of Community competence.
30. Member States participating in other forums, engaging either as their principal objective, or as a collateral activity in activities related to the Mediterranean, shall do so in a way consistent with the objectives of this Common Strategy.

31. The representatives of the Member States and the Commission in the Mediterranean partners shall take full account of this Common Strategy when coordinating their activities on the ground.
32. The Council, the Commission and Member States shall work towards more effective cooperation with regional and international organisations, and will seek with other like-minded countries to achieve the objectives of this Common Strategy.

#### **Implementation and review**

33. The European Council requests the Council:
- to ensure that each incoming Presidency presents to the Council, in the framework of its general programme, priorities for implementation of this Common Strategy, based on the objectives in Part II and taking due account of the areas of action in Part III,
  - to review and evaluate the Union's action under this Common Strategy and to report to the European Council on progress towards its objectives not less than annually,
  - to review the situation in the Mediterranean region and the state of Mediterranean partners' cooperation in the implementation of this Common Strategy, and make an assessment in its report to the European Council,
  - where necessary, to submit recommendations for amendments to Parts II and III of this Common Strategy to the European Council.

34. The Commission shall contribute to the above within its competence.

#### **Cooperation with the Mediterranean partners**

35. The European Union and its Member States shall work closely together with the Mediterranean partners when implementing this Common Strategy, in particular through the Association Agreements and through the Euro-Mediterranean Committee for the Barcelona Process, including by considering recommendations and concerns expressed by Mediterranean partners.

#### **PART V**

#### **Duration**

36. This Common Strategy shall apply from the date of its publication for an initial period of four years. It may be prolonged, reviewed and, if necessary, adapted by the European Council on the recommendation of the Council.

#### **Publication**

37. This Common Strategy shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Santa Maria da Feira, 19 June 2000.

*For the European Council*

*The President*

A. GUTERRES

### **European Council Declaration on the Common Strategy on the Mediterranean region**

The Council acts by qualified majority when adopting joint actions, common positions or any other decisions within the scope of Title V of the Treaty on European Union (common foreign and security policy), on the basis of the Common Strategy.

Acts adopted outside the scope of Title V of the Treaty on European Union shall continue to be adopted according to the appropriate decision-making procedures provided by the relevant provisions of the Treaties, including the Treaty establishing the European Community and Title VI of the Treaty on European Union.

On the occasion of the adoption of the European Union's Common Strategy on the Mediterranean region, the European Council confirms that the European Union will continue to support the efforts of the parties to conclude, and subsequently implement, the peace agreements. In doing so, the European Union will base itself on the principles set out in the Declaration made by the European Council in Berlin, March 1999.

It invites the Council, assisted by the Secretary-General/High Representative for the CFSP with the help of the EU Special Envoy for the Peace Process, and the Commission to consider what support the Barcelona Process can lend to stability in the Middle East, to work on enhancing the visibility of the Union and to put forward concrete initiatives for promoting regional development in the 'post-conflict' framework. A report on these issues will be submitted to the European Council.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE COMMISSION, THE COURT OF JUSTICE, THE COURT OF AUDITORS, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

**of 20 July 2000**

**on the organisation and operation of the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities**

(2000/459/EC, ECSC, Euratom)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

THE COMMISSION,

THE COURT OF JUSTICE,

THE COURT OF AUDITORS,

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE,

THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 8 of the Decision of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of 8 April 1965 on the provisional location of certain institutions and departments of the Communities <sup>(1)</sup> provided for an Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (hereinafter 'the Office') to be located in Luxembourg. That provision was implemented by Decision 69/13/Euratom, ECSC, EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, as amended by Decision 80/443/EEC, Euratom, ECSC <sup>(3)</sup>.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ 152, 13.7.1967, p. 18.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 13, 18.1.1969, p. 19.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 107, 25.4.1980, p. 44.

- (2) The Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities <sup>(1)</sup>, at last amended by Council Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) No 2779/98 <sup>(2)</sup>, lays down specific provisions regarding the functioning of the Office.
- (3) The rules governing the Office need to be adapted to take account of change practices in terms of the powers conferred on the appointing authority.
- (4) There have been major technological advances in publishing, which need to be taken into account in the way the Office operates.
- (5) Decision 69/13/Euratom, ECSC, EEC has been amended substantially. With fresh amendments being made, the Decision should be recast for the sake of clarity.

HAVE DECIDED:

#### Article 1

The task of the 'Office for Official Publications of the European Communities' (the Office) shall be to publish the publications of the institutions of the European Communities and their departments under optimum technical and financial conditions, operating under the responsibility of those institutions.

#### Article 2

For the purposes of this Decision, the following definitions apply:

1. 'publish': to produce and distribute publications in any shape or form and by any means, present or future;
2. 'institutions': the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions;
3. 'bodies, offices and agencies': the bodies, offices and agencies established by or under the Treaties.

#### Article 3

1. The Office shall perform the following tasks or have them performed by contractors:

- (a) publishing the *Official Journal of the European Communities* (Official Journal);
- (b) publishing other publications for the institutions of the European Communities or of their departments, without prejudice to paragraphs 2 and 3;
- (c) publishing publications for bodies, offices and agencies at their request.

2. Internal documents may be produced and distributed by each institution.

3. The institutions, bodies, offices and agencies may, in exceptional circumstances, publish publications otherwise than through the Office if its involvement would appreciably increase costs or where, for technical reasons, it is unable to meet the urgent requirements involved in producing and distributing a publication to a very short deadline. In this case they shall inform the Management Committee without delay.

4. Performance of the Office's tasks shall include the following:

- (a) collation of documents for publication;
- (b) preparing and checking texts and other elements, as instructed by the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies;
- (c) concluding contracts with contractors;
- (d) printing urgent documents or small print runs;
- (e) supervising work being carried out;
- (f) quality control;
- (g) financial monitoring of contracts with contractors;
- (h) acceptance as regards quality and quantity;
  - (i) accounting control, including attesting authorisation for payment and issuing certificates in accordance with the Financial Regulation;
  - (j) cataloguing and archiving publications;
  - (k) sales management;
  - (l) distributing publications.

The Office shall also provide the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies with all the appropriate technical, financial and commercial information for their publication projects and shall assist them in drawing up standard-form general contracts.

5. Decisions to publish shall rest solely with each institution, body, office or agency.

#### Article 4

1. A Management Committee for the Office shall be set up. Each institution shall have one vote on the Committee.

2. The Management Committee shall meet at the initiative of its chairman or at the request of an institution. It shall meet at least every six months.

3. The Management Committee's decisions shall be taken by simple majority, except where otherwise stated. Without prejudice to Article 3(5), when the Management Committee is required to take a decision relating specifically to the publication of a text from one of the institutions, that majority shall include the vote of the institution concerned.

#### Article 5

1. In the common interest of the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, the Management Committee shall:

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 347, 23.12.1998, p. 3.

- (a) lay down the rules governing the running of the Office by unanimous decision;
- (b) lay down policy guidelines for general sales and free distribution by unanimous decision;
- (c) submit to the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies any suggestions it has for improving the smooth running of the Office;
- (d) under the budget procedure, draw up estimates of the Office's revenue and expenditure based on a draft prepared by the Director of the Office, and send them to the Commission for the purpose of establishing the Commission's estimates of revenue and expenditure; at the same time, it shall propose to the Commission any adjustments to the Office's establishment plan which it deems necessary;
- (e) define the types of additional services which the Office may perform against payment for the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, and the corresponding charges;
- (f) define the types of services for which the Office may employ subcontractors;
- (g) draw up an annual management report based on a draft prepared by the Director, covering in particular all revenue and expenditure headings relating to work performed and services supplied by the Office in the light of the analytical accounts; by 1 May of each year it shall send its report on the financial year just ended to the institutions;
- (h) participate in the appointment of certain officials, as provided for in Article 6.

2. As regards the Official Journal, the management Committee's powers shall include the following:

- (a) to ensure that the competent authorities in each institution take the basic decisions that are to be applied jointly by the institutions using the Official Journal and to ensure that the decisions adopted are duly implemented;
- (b) to put forward any proposals it has for improving the structure and presentation of the Official Journal;
- (c) to put forward proposals to the institutions for harmonising the presentation of texts for publication;
- (d) to examine any difficulties encountered in the course of day-to-day operations in publishing the Official Journal and to issue the necessary instructions to the Office and put forward appropriate recommendations to the institutions in order to overcome them;
- (e) to decide unanimously whether, and in what circumstances, publications originating outside the institutions can be accommodated in the Official Journal. This provision shall not, however, apply to publications made pursuant to Community legislation;
- (f) in accordance with Article 133 of the Financial Regulation, to request the Commission to open a bank account in order to handle working funds to finance essential opera-

tions for publication of the Official Journal that have been subcontracted.

3. The Management Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure by unanimous decision, after having submitted them to the institutions. It shall appoint a chairman from among its members.

#### Article 6

1. The powers of the appointing authority in respect of officials or other servants in grades A 1, A 2, A 3 and LA 3 shall be exercised by the Commission as described below.

The Commission shall not appoint officials in grades A 1, A 2, A 3 and LA 3 unless the Management Committee has given a favourable opinion. In the case of grades A 1 and A 2 the opinion must be unanimous.

The Management Committee shall be closely involved in any procedures that have to be completed before the appointment of officials or other servants in grades A 1, A 2, A 3 and LA 3, especially in drafting the vacancy notice, examining applications and appointing selection boards for competitions.

2. The powers of the appointing authority in respect of officials or servants other than those referred to in paragraph 1 shall be exercised by the Commission. The Commission may delegate these powers to the Director of the Office.

The Commission, or the Director of the Office if the powers of the appointing authority have been delegated to him, shall inform the Management Committee of all appointments, contracts signed, promotions or disciplinary proceedings initiated in respect of officials or servants other than those referred to in paragraph 1. If the Commission has not delegated the powers of the appointing authority to the Director of the Office in respect of these officials or servants, the acts in question shall be adopted by the Commission on proposals from the Director.

3. The administrative procedures connected with the official acts mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2, and the day-to-day management of personnel, in particular with regard to retirement, sickness insurance, accidents at work, salaries and leave, shall be carried out in the same manner as for Commission staff serving in Luxembourg.

4. Notices of vacancies at the Office shall be made known to officials in all the Community institutions in good time.

#### Article 7

1. The appropriations allocated to the Office, the total amount of which shall be shown under a separate heading within the section of the budget relating to the Commission, shall be set out in detail in an annex to that section.

This annex shall be in the form of a statement of revenue and expenditure subdivided in the same way as the sections of the budget.

2. Posts at the Office shall be listed in an annex to the table showing the Commission's staff.

3. Each institution, body, office or agency shall act as authorising officer for appropriations under the heading 'publishing expenditure' in its budget. The costs of free distribution of publications shall be borne by the institution, body, office or agency concerned. The Management Committee shall establish procedures for cooperation on accounting between the Office and the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies.

4. Services rendered by the Office against payment shall be invoiced as laid down by the Management Committee. At the end of the financial year, the Management Committee shall inform the budget authority of the breakdown of amounts obtained in this way within the annex to the budget heading.

5. The Office shall keep separate accounts for the sale of the Official Journal and publications. Net receipts from sales shall be passed on to the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies after the financial year has ended.

'Net receipts from sales' means: the total sum of invoices, minus management, recovery and costs.

#### Article 8

The Director of the Office shall be responsible for the smooth running of the Office, acting under the authority of the Management Committee within the limit of its powers. He shall provide secretarial services for the Management Committee, report to the Committee on the performance of his duties and submit to it any proposal he has for improving the running of the Office. He shall have official authority over the Office's staff. Should the Director be absent or unavailable, his duties shall, by way of exception to the rules on replacements, be performed by a member of the Office designated by the Management Committee.

#### Article 9

Decision 69/13/Euratom, ECSC, EEC is hereby repealed.

References to the repealed Decision shall be understood as referring to this Decision.

Done in Brussels and Luxembourg, 20 July 2000.

*For the European Parliament*

*The President*

N. FONTAINE

*For the Council*

*The President*

F. PARLY

*For the Commission*

*The President*

R. PRODI

*For the Court of Justice*

*The President*

G. C. RODRÍGUEZ IGLESIAS

*For the Court of Auditors*

*The President*

J.O. KARLSSON

*For the Economic and Social Committee*

*The President*

B. RANGONI MACHIAVELLI

*For the Committee of the Regions*

*The President*

J. CHABERT

# COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 July 2000

### amending Decision 1999/311/EC adopting the third phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education (Tempus III) (2000 to 2006)

(2000/460/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 308 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions <sup>(1)</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 1999/311/EC <sup>(3)</sup> the Council adopted the third phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education (Tempus III) (2000 to 2006).
- (2) This programme is intended for the non-associated countries of central and eastern Europe eligible for economic aid by virtue of Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89 (PHARE programme) <sup>(4)</sup> or the programme intended to replace it and the new independent states of the former Soviet Union and Mongolia as laid down in Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 99/2000 of 29 December 1999 concerning the provision of assistance to the partner States in Eastern Europe and Central Asia <sup>(5)</sup> (which replaces the old TACIS programme).
- (3) The footnote inserted in Article 2 states that 'at present' the programme relates to Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

- (4) It is important to be able to extend the Tempus III programme to other countries in the region in future, in particular Croatia,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1

Decision 1999/311/EC is hereby amended as follows:

1. In Article 2, the first paragraph shall be replaced by the following:

Tempus III concerns the non-associated countries of central and eastern Europe designated as eligible for economic aid by virtue of Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89 (PHARE programme) or the programme intended to replace it, and the new independent states of the former Soviet Union and Mongolia mentioned in Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 99/2000 (which replaces the old TACIS programme). These countries are hereinafter referred to as "eligible countries".

2. Footnote 1 shall be deleted.

#### Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 17 July 2000.

For the Council

The President

L. FABIUS

<sup>(1)</sup> Opinion delivered on 14 June 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

<sup>(2)</sup> Opinion delivered on 29 May 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 120, 8.5.1999, p. 30.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 375, 23.12.1989, p. 11. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999 (OJ L 161, 20.6.1999, p. 68).

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 12, 18.1.2000, p. 1.

**COUNCIL DECISION**  
**of 17 July 2000**  
**appointing a Spanish alternate member of the Committee of the Regions**

(2000/461/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 263 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 98/110/EC <sup>(1)</sup> appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas a seat as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Juan Antonio Megias Garcia, alternate member, notified to the Council on 29 June 2000.

Having regard to the proposal from the Spanish Government,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Mr José Ramón Bustillo Navia-Osorio is hereby appointed an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions in place of Mr Juan Antonio Megias Garcia for the remainder of his term of office, which runs until 25 January 2002.

Done at Brussels, 17 July 2000.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
J. GLAVANY

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 28, 4.2.1998, p. 19.

# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 July 2000

### concerning the health certification for imports of bees/hives, queens and their attendants from third countries

(notified under document number C(2000) 1966)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/462/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 90/425/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 95/176/EC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 17 and 18 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Those third countries from which Member States authorise imports of bees/hives or queens (with attendants) into the Community must be established in accordance with the requirements of Council Directive 92/65/EEC; this authorisation shall apply to any third country.
- (2) A health certification must be established for imports into the Community of bees/hives, queens and their attendants in accordance with the requirements of Council Directive 92/65/EEC.
- (3) Additional disease measures must be taken in the case of new or exotic diseases as necessary.
- (4) Council Directive 96/93/EEC<sup>(3)</sup> lays down standards of certification which are necessary for valid certification and to prevent fraud; whereas it is appropriate to ensure that the rules and principles applied to third country certifying officers provide guarantees which are at least equivalent to those laid down in this Directive.

(5) Considering that a new certification regime is hereby established, a period of time should be provided for its implementation.

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### Article 1

Member States shall authorise the importation of bees (*Apis mellifera*)/hives, queens and their attendants coming from any third country, only if they comply with the guarantees laid down in the health certificate corresponding to the specimen drawn up in the Annex to this Decision.

#### Article 2

This Decision is applicable from 1 November 2000.

#### Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 July 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 52.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 117, 24.5.1995, p. 23.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 13, 16.1.1997, p. 18.

## ANNEX

**SPECIMEN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR BEES/HIVES, QUEENS AND THEIR ATTENDANTS INTENDED FOR  
CONSIGNMENT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**

**Note for the importer:** This certificate is for veterinary purposes only and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.

1. Consignor (name and address in full)	<b>HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b>
	No.  Original <sup>(1)</sup>
3. Consignee (name and address in full)	2. Country of origin
	4. COMPETENT AUTHORITY
6. Place of loading	5. Address
	— of holding of origin  — of holding of destination
7. Means of transport <sup>(2)</sup>	
8. Species	
9. Number of bees/hives or queens (with attendants) <sup>(2)</sup>	
10. Batch identification	

<sup>(1)</sup> A separate certificate is to be provided for each consignment and a copy of the original must accompany the consignment to the original destination; its period of validity is 10 days.

<sup>(2)</sup> Give registration number of vehicle or container and seal number where applicable.

<sup>(3)</sup> Delete as appropriate.

11. ATTESTATION <sup>(1)</sup>

I, the undersigned competent official, hereby certify:

- 1. that the bees (*Apis mellifera*)/hives or queens with attendants referred to above:
  - (a) come from a breeding apiary which is supervised and controlled by the Competent authority;
  - (b) do not come from an area which is the subject of a prohibition order associated with an occurrence of American foul brood, and within at least 30 days following the last recorded case and the date on which all hives within a radius of three kilometres have been checked by the competent authority and all infected hives burned or treated and inspected to the satisfaction of the said competent authority;
  - (c) are from hives or come from hives from which samples of the comb have been subjected to a test for American foulbrood laid down in the OIE manual of diagnostic standards with negative results in the last 30 days;
  - (d) have been inspected this day and show no clinical signs or suspicion of disease including infestations affecting bees;
- 2. the packing material and accompanying products come directly from the exporting breeding apiary and have not been in contact with diseased bees or brood-combs, nor with any products or equipment which are contaminated or extraneous to the exporting apiary.

Done at ..... on .....

.....  
(signature of competent official) <sup>(2)</sup>

Seal <sup>(2)</sup>

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(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

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<sup>(1)</sup> Complete with 24 hours of loading.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Stamp and signature in a colour different to that of the printing.

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 July 2000

**recognising in principle the completeness of the dossier submitted for detailed examination with a view to the possible inclusion of MKH 65 61 (propoxycarbazone-sodium) in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant-protection products on the market**

(notified under document number C(2000) 2006)

(2000/463/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant-protection products on the market <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Directive 2000/10/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 6(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 91/414/EEC (hereinafter referred to as 'the Directive') provides for the compilation of a Community list of active substances authorised for use in plant protection products.
- (2) Bayer AG submitted a dossier on the active substance MKH 65 61 (propoxycarbazone-sodium) to the German authorities on 25 January 2000.
- (3) The said authorities informed the Commission of the results of an initial examination of the dossier to ensure that it provides all the information laid down in Annex II and, for at least one plant protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive. Subsequently, in accordance with Article 6(2), the applicant submitted the dossier to the Commission and other Member States.
- (4) The dossier on MKH 65 61 (propoxycarbazone-sodium) was referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 10 March 2000.
- (5) Article 6(3) of the Directive requires official confirmation at Community level that each dossier fulfils the requirements on information laid down in Annex II and, for at least one plant protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive.
- (6) Such confirmation is necessary to permit a detailed examination of the dossier and to allow Member States to grant provisional authorisation for plant protection products containing the active substance concerned while complying with the conditions laid down in

Article 8(1) of the Directive and, in particular, the condition relating to the detailed assessment of the active substance and the plant protection product in the light of the requirements laid down by the Directive.

- (7) Such decision does not prejudice that further data or information may be requested from the applicant in order to clarify certain points in the dossier. The request by the rapporteur Member State for the submission of further data necessary to clarify the dossier shall not affect the time limit for the submission of the report referred to in recital 9.
- (8) The Member States and the Commission agree that Germany will carry out a detailed examination of the dossier on MKH 65 61 (propoxycarbazone-sodium).
- (9) Germany will report the conclusions of their examinations accompanied by any recommendations on the inclusion or non-inclusion and any conditions relating thereto as soon as possible and at the latest within a period of one year from the date of publication of this decision.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The following dossier satisfies in principle the information requirements laid down in Annex II and, for at least one plant protection product containing the active substance concerned, in Annex III to the Directive, taking account of the intended uses:

the dossier submitted by Bayer AG to the Commission and the Member States with a view to the inclusion of MKH 65 61 (propoxycarbazone-sodium) as an active substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC and referred to the Standing Committee on Plant Health on 10 March 2000.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 57, 2.3.2000, p. 28.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 July 2000.

*For the Commission*  
David BYRNE  
*Member of the Commission*

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