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from : Council Secretariat
to : Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

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No. Cion prop. : 12463/00 ENT 143 ENV 363 CODEC 779 - COM (2000) 639 final

Subject : Adoption of the common position with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council modifying Directive 94/25/EC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to recreational craft

1. On 12 October 2000 the Commission submitted to the Council, on the basis of Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council modifying Directive 94/25/EC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to recreational craft.¹
2. Acting in accordance with Article 251 of the Treaty, the European Parliament delivered its Opinion at first reading on 5 July 2001.²

The Economic and Social Committee delivered its Opinion on 28 March 2001.¹

¹ OJC 62E, 27.2.2001, p.139.

² OJ C 65E, 14.3.2002, p. 310.

3. On 31 October 2001 the Commission submitted to the Council an amended proposal.²
4. On 29 October 2001 the Environment Council reached a Political Agreement on a Common position.

The Council Working Party "Environment" has agreed in March 2002, after intensive discussions at Task Force and Working Party level, to modify the text of the Political Agreement in order to include a new definition on boat design categories.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to
 - approve the text of the common position, which includes the above modification, as set out in doc. 15546/01 REV 1 ENV 680 ENT 266 CODEC 1402 (text established by the legal/linguistic experts)
 - approve the draft statement of the Council's Reasons, as set out in doc. 15546/01 REV 1 ENV 680 ENT 266 CODEC 1402 ADD 1.
 - invite the Council, as an "A"-point a one of its forthcoming sessions to adopt the common position as set out in doc. 15546/01 REV 1 ENV 680 ENT 266 CODEC 1402 and to take note of the Council's reasons as set out in doc. 15546/01 REV 1 ENV 680 ENT 266 CODEC 1402 ADD 1.

¹ OJ C 155, 29.5.2001, p.1.

² OJ C 51E, 26.2.2002, p.339.