



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**PV/CONS 14
TRANS 68
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ADDENDUM to DRAFT MINUTES

Subject: **3001st meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT,
TELECOMMUNICATIONS and ENERGY), held in Brussels on
11 and 12 March 2010**

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¹ Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

"A" ITEMS

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004

- Adoption of
 - (a) the Council's position
5218/10 TRANS 6 CODEC 8
+ COR 1 (nl)
+ REV 1 (hu)
+ REV 2 (cs)
 - (b) the statement of the Council reasons
5218/10 TRANS 6 CODEC 8 ADD 1
6978/10 CODEC 162 TRANS 45
+ ADD 1
+ **ADD 1 REV 1 (ga)**
+ COR 1

The Council approved its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Legal basis: Article 91(1) of the TFEU).

Statement by Spain

"The Kingdom of Spain supports the principles underlying the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws.

However, it considers that it would have been preferable for a period of no more than twenty-four hours to be set for the obligation to provide advance notification of the need for assistance for persons with reduced mobility, as it feels that a twenty-four-hour period would be a more favourable one for the assistance to be provided to such passengers, as well as a sufficient period for the bus or coach station manager to be able to plan such assistance."

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission declares that, despite the fact that the political agreement does not entirely meet certain important objectives of its initial proposal, it intends not to oppose this agreement in order to ensure the continuation of the ordinary legislative procedure."

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004

- Adoption of
 - (a) the Council's position
14849/09 MAR 151 TRANS 407 CODEC 1221
 - + COR 1
 - + REV 1 (fi)
 - + REV 1 COR 1 (fi)
 - + REV 1 COR 2 (fi)
 - + REV 2 (cs)
 - (b) the statement of the Council reasons
14849/09 MAR 151 TRANS 407 CODEC 1221 ADD 1 REV 1
6979/10 CODEC 163 MAR 14 TRANS 46
 - + ADD 1 REV 1

The Council approved its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(5) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Legal basis: Article 91(1) and 100(2) of the TFEU).

Statement by Greece

"The Hellenic Republic fully and unequivocally supports the aims of the proposal for a Regulation concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterways, which has special importance for shipping countries, such as Greece, particularly insofar as it strengthens and makes more effective the protection of the rights of the large numbers of passengers travelling each year.

However, the Hellenic Republic wishes to state that, in its opinion, the proposal for a Regulation should show greater balance between the fundamental rights of passengers, which it protects well, and the legitimate interests of sea carriers (especially small and medium-sized enterprises) which, in certain cases (force majeure, exceptional circumstances), incur excessive costs through no fault of their own.

In particular, the Hellenic Republic considers that the exemptions set out in Article 20a (13874/09), and especially in paragraph 3 thereof, should in addition include the obligation to provide accommodation (Article 18(2)) also in the event of exceptional circumstances such as search and rescue operations, transport of sick persons, incidents involving the safety of the ship and passengers and coverage of extraordinary transport needs, which are crucial for the effective functioning of the very extensive Greek coastal network."

AGENDA ITEMS

LAND TRANSPORT

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... on transportable pressure equipment

- General approach
13566/09 TRANS 350 CODEC 1430
+ COR 1
- 6856/10 TRANS 43 CODEC 155
+ COR 1

The Council reached an agreement on a general approach on the text of the draft Directive, as reflected in the Annex to the report to Council (6856/10 + COR 1), pending the adoption of the opinion of the European Parliament.

AVIATION

4. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on aviation security charges

- Progress report
9864/09 AVIATION 74 CODEC 722
6439/10 AVIATION 15 CODEC 113

The Council:

- took note of the progress report on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on aviation security charges;
- agreed to wait for the results of the European Parliament vote at first reading before pursuing the examination of this proposal;
- invited the Council preparatory bodies to resume its examination, at a later stage, in the light of the European Parliament vote.

5. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation

- General approach

15469/09 AVIATION 178 CODEC 1273

7085/10 AVIATION 23 CODEC 169

The Council reached agreement on a general approach on the above proposal as it appears in doc. 7442/10 and agreed to inscribe in its minutes the statements appearing in the Annex.

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