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**ADDENDUM to DRAFT MINUTES**

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Subject: **3049th** meeting of the Council of the European Union (**COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market/Industry/Research/Space)**) held in Brussels on 25 and 26 November 2010

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<sup>1</sup> 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)*

**1. 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 (second reading)**

= Non-approval of the European Parliament's amendments  
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The Council decided not to approve all of the European Parliament's amendments and consequently to convene the Conciliation Committee in accordance with Article 294(8)(b) of the TFEU.

**2. Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement**

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The Council approved the amendment set out in the European Parliament's opinion and adopted the proposed act amended accordingly, pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. (Legal basis: Article 77(2)(a) of the TFUE)

### **Statement by the Republic of Bulgaria**

"Bulgaria confirms its position of adherence to the "one China" principle. This position of Bulgaria is not an obstacle to the development of cooperation with Taiwan in the economic and cultural spheres.

Bulgaria takes note of the assurances given by the European Commission to the EU Member States that the act of removing the visa requirements for citizens of Taiwan will not affect in any way the EU-China comprehensive strategic partnership.

Bulgaria supports the intentions of the European Commission to establish an appropriate mechanism for exchange of information with the relevant authorities of Taiwan about forthcoming visits of high-ranking Taiwanese officials to the EU Member States."

**Statement by Cyprus**

"The adoption of the "visa-free" proposal is without prejudice to Taiwan's status. Cyprus is strongly attached to the EU's "One China Policy", which practically means no recognition of Taiwan as a sovereign state and no diplomatic or formal political relations with Taiwan."

**Statement by Malta**

"Malta reaffirms its attachment to the One China policy and considers the adoption of this Regulation within this context."

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