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Subject: Adoption in the official languages of the Communities of Council Conclusions on OECD Scheme on Forestry Reproductive Material

1. On 20 September 1996, the Commission submitted to the Council a communication concerning the procedure to be followed by the Community and the Member States for the adoption of an OECD Scheme for Forestry Reproductive Material moving in international trade.

2. At its meeting on 11 November 1996, the Working Party of Counsellors/Attachés recalled its agreement to Council Conclusions on OECD Scheme on Forestry Reproductive Material as contained in the Annex to this note.

3. The Permanent Representatives Committee is accordingly asked to confirm this agreement and recommend that the Council, having entered the item as an "A" item on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting,

–adopt the above Conclusions, as contained in 11567/96 AGRILEG 213, following its customary legal/linguistic finalization, in the official languages of the Communities,

–order its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS
on OECD Scheme on Forestry Reproductive Material

The Council agrees:

- that the Member States and the Commission will co-ordinate their positions on the technical aspects of the proposed new and final draft of the revised OECD scheme;
- that the Member States vote en bloc in favour of the revised OECD Scheme in the OECD Council in accordance with the annex hereto;
- that, without prejudice to the distribution of competence in this matter, the Member States may participate in the revised Scheme as concerns exports, pending a general decision on participation in conformity with Community procedures;
- that a decision on the participation of the European Community and/or Member States in the Scheme will be taken after revision of Community legislation on this matter; and notes that the Commission undertakes to make a proposal to the Council to this effect no later than 1 September, 1997 on which the Council will endeavour to decide before 31 March 1998;
- that the Member States holding the Presidency in the Council and the Commission make the relating annexed statements respectively.

-Under the condition that the revised OECD Scheme is open for participation of the EC and that a disconnection clause allowing the EC to apply internally its own rules is inserted, the Member States shall vote in the OECD Council meeting en bloc in favour of the revised Scheme.

-At this time, the representative of the Member State holding the Presidency in the Council shall make the following statement:

"I hereby declare in the name of the European Community and its Member States, that, although voting in favour of the revised Scheme, they will not participate finally in this Scheme until a decision on full or partial participation has been taken in conformity with Community procedures . In the interim, each Member State will declare to which extent it participates provisionally for exports in the scheme."

-The Commission representative shall forward after the Presidency's statement the following statement:

"The European Community will decide on its participation in the Scheme and the extent of such participation only after having successfully revised Community legislation on this matter".
