Subject: Co-operation procedure

- Request from the European Parliament for an extension of the period laid down in Article 149(2)(g) of the EEC Treaty

1. On 21 January 1991 the Council submitted its common position on the legal protection of computer programs to the European Parliament (see 10652/1/90 + ADD 1).

2. In a letter dated 13 March 1991, the President of the European Parliament stated that:

- the period laid down in Article 149 of the EEC Treaty had started to run on 21 January 1991;
- the European Parliament requested the Council's agreement to extend the period for a decision on this common position by one month;
- the reason for requesting the extension was the large number of amendments made to the common position and the complexity of the dossier.

3. At its meeting on 20 March 1991 the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed to suggest that the Council grant this request. (The text of the draft letter is annexed hereto).
General Secretariat of the Council

Brussels, 22 March 1991

DRAFT LETTER

to Mr Enrique BARON CRESPO
President of the European Parliament

Subject: Request from the European Parliament for an extension of the period provided for in Article 149(2)(g) of the EEC Treaty

Sir,

The Council is in receipt of your letter of 13 March 1991 containing your request, pursuant to Article 149(2)(g) of the EEC Treaty, for a one-month extension of the period allotted for the European parliament to reach a decision on the Council's common position on the legal protection of computer programs (see 10652/1/90 + ADD 1).

Regardless of the reasons for the European Parliament's request, the Council has decided to grant it.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary-General

Francisco FERNANDEZ-FABREGAS
Director-General

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