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harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information
society
- Adoption of the European Parliament's amendments at second reading

1. On 28 September 2000 the Council adopted a common position on the above proposal for a
Directive,\(^1\) which is subject to the codecision procedure.

2. On 14 February 2001 the European Parliament completed its second reading of the proposal
and adopted 9 amendments to the Council's common position\(^2\).

Subsequently, the Commission issued a favourable opinion on the European Parliament's
amendments.

\(^1\) 9512/1/00 PI 38 CULTURE 41 CODEC 462 REV 1, published in OJ C 344, 1.12.2000, p. 1.
\(^2\) 6099/01 CODEC 122 PI 11 CULTURE 10.
3. At its 1913th meeting held on 28 and 30 March 2001, the Permanent Representatives Committee noted that all nine amendments proposed by the European Parliament could be accepted in the light of language clarifications made and suggested that the Council, as an "A" item of the agenda of one of its future meetings, approve these amendments in accordance with Article 251(3) of the EC Treaty.

4. Accordingly, the Council could decide, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, to approve all the amendments of the European Parliament.

5. Following the Council's approval of all the amendments of the European Parliament, the Directive will be deemed to have been adopted in the form of the common position thus amended, in accordance with Article 251(3) of the EC Treaty.

Following the signature of the legislative act by the President of the European Parliament, the President of the Council and the Secretaries-General of both institutions, the act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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