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− Common position
− Statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 21 January 1998 the Commission submitted a proposal for a Directive on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society\(^1\), based on Article 47(2) and Articles 55 and 95 of the Treaty.

2. The European Parliament delivered its Opinion at first reading on 10 February 1999\(^2\).
Further to that Opinion, the Commission forwarded an amended proposal for a Directive on 25 May 1999\(^3\).

The Economic and Social Committee delivered its Opinion on 9 September 1998\(^4\).

\(^2\) OJ C 150, 28.5.1999, p. 171.
3. At its 1878th meeting on 7 June 2000, the Permanent Representatives Committee recorded its political agreement on a common position concerning the above Directive, with the Luxembourg delegation abstaining.

4. The text of the common position, as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic Experts, is set out in 9512/00 PI 38 CULTURE 41 CODEC 462.

5. The draft statement of the Council reasons on the common position is set out in 9512/00 PI 38 CULTURE 41 CODEC 462 ADD 1. No comments were made on this draft within the deadline given.

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to recommend the Council to:

   – adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting,
     
     = the common position in 9512/00 PI 38 CULTURE 41 CODEC 462;
     
     = the statement of reasons in 9512/00 PI 38 CULTURE 41 CODEC 462 ADD 1;
     
   – enter the statements in Addendum 1 hereto in the minutes of that meeting.