INFORMATION NOTE
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Subject: Amended proposal for a Council Directive harmonizing the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights
- Political agreement by the Council

The political agreement adopted by the Council (Internal Market) on 14 June 1993 involves the following amendments to the text set out in 7233/93 PI 53 CULTURE 64 + COR 1(f):

1. Add an Article 2b worded as follows:

   "Article 2b
   Critical and scientific publications
   Member States may protect critical and scientific publications of works which have come into the public domain. The maximum term of protection of such works shall be 30 years from the date of publication."

2. The last sentence of Article 3 should read as follows:

   "Member States may provide for the protection of other photographs."
3. The second sentence of Article 6a(3) should read as follows:
"Member States shall adopt the necessary provisions to protect, in particular, acquired rights of third parties."

4. The first subparagraph of Article 10(1) should read as follows:
"Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with Articles 1 to 7 of this Directive by 1 July 1995."