"A" ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat

to: Council

Subject: Proposal for a Council Directive harmonizing the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights
- Final adoption

1. On 22 July 1993, the Council adopted its common position on the above Directive (1) by a qualified majority, subsequently lodging it with the European Parliament on 13 September 1993 under the co-operation procedure.

2. The European Parliament approved the common position at its sitting on 27 October 1993, without proposing any amendments; it proposed certain purely linguistic modifications to the Spanish text which are contained in COR 1 (es) to 7831/1/93 REV 1 PI 64 CULTURE 83 PRO-COOP 35.

3. A qualified majority in favour of the proposal was reached within COREPER, with the Luxembourg, Netherlands and Portuguese delegations opposed. The Danish delegation entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation. The Netherlands delegation stated its intention of explaining its vote at Council level.

(1) 7831/1/93 REV 1 PI 64 CULTURE 83 PRO-COOP 35.
4. It is therefore suggested that, on the assumption that the Danish delegation’s parliamentary scrutiny reservation is withdrawn, the Council:

- definitively adopt by a qualified majority, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 149(2)(b) of the EEC Treaty, the above Directive, the text of which appears in 7831/1/93 REV 1 PI 64 CULTURE 83 PRO-COOP 35 + COR 1 (es);

- order its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities;

- decide to publish the votes.