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Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights (codified version) [first reading]
– Adoption of the legislative act (LA)

1. On 19 May 2006 the Commission sent the above proposal\(^1\), based on Article 47(2), Article 55 and Article 95 of the TEC, to the Council.

2. The Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 24 October 2006\(^2\).

3. The European Parliament delivered its opinion at first reading on 13 October 2006, approving the Commission proposal without proposing any amendments\(^3\).

4. The Working Party on Codification of Legislation examined the text at its meetings on 27 June, 18 September and 19 October 2006, and reached agreement on it at its meeting on 27 October 2006.

\(^1\) 9711/06.
\(^2\) Not yet published in the Official Journal.
\(^3\) 13949/06 + COR 1.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council adopt the Directive as set out in PE-CONS 3643/06 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

Once the legislative act has been signed by the President of the European Parliament, the President of the Council and the Secretaries-General of the two institutions, it will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.