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Amended proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the Community,
of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 149(3)
of the EEC-Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In response to the opinion adopted by the European Parliament at its plenary sitting on 27 January 1993, the Commission is submitting an amended proposal for a Decision.

The only change is the addition of one new recital.

This will be inserted before the first recital to emphasize the need for worldwide action to protect the environment.

The Commission shares this view which is in line with the approach advocated in the Fifth Community Action Programme on the Environment.

However, the Commission is unable to accept the other amendments proposed by Parliament, since some raise legal problems and others conflict with the standard wording employed in decisions on the ratification of international conventions.

New recital to be inserted before the first recital:

Having regard to the transversal and transboundary nature of environmental problems, as demonstrated by the major international conventions which have been signed on biodiversity, climate change, NO_x pollution, etc.,

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