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**ADDENDUM TO DRAFT MINUTES <sup>1</sup>**

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Subject : **2700th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS  
and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), held in Brussels on 12 December 2005**

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<sup>1</sup> The information from the Council minutes which is contained in this Addendum is not confidential and may therefore be released to the public.

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"A" items: (list: 15335/05 PTS A 60 + ADD 1)

When finally adopting the "A" items relating to legislative acts, the Council agreed to make the following entries in these minutes:

**Item 26. Council Directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC with regard to the length of time during which the minimum standard rate of VAT is to be applied**

14308/05 FISC 135 OC 822

+ COR 1 (lv)

+ COR 2 (fi)

The Council adopted the above Directive (legal basis: Article 93 of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

**1. Statement**

"Member States undertake – as far as can be foreseen today – that from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2010 they will make every effort to avoid widening the current span of 10 percentage points above the current lowest standard rate applied by Member States."

**Item 27. Council Decision authorising the Federal Republic of Germany to conclude an agreement with the Swiss Confederation that includes provisions derogating from Articles 2(2) and 3 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes**

14923/05 FISC 145 OC 885

The Council adopted the above Decision (legal basis: Article 30 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC).

**Item 28. Council Decision authorising the Federal Republic of Germany to conclude an agreement with the Swiss Confederation that includes provisions derogating from Articles 2(2) and 3 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes**  
14921/05 FISC 144 OC 884

The Council adopted the above Decision (legal basis: Article 30 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC).

**Item 43. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 3605/93 as regards the quality of statistical data in the context of the excessive deficit procedure**  
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+ REV 5 (fi)  
+ REV 6 (lv)

The Council adopted the above Regulation (legal basis: third paragraph of Article 104(14) of the Treaty establishing the European Community).

