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	– Adaptation following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty

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1. The current structure of the Official Journal, as agreed by the Institutions represented in the Management Committee of the Publications Office of the European Union, took effect on 1 January 2007. Two supplementary modifications were introduced in 2007<sup>1</sup>.
2. On 20 November 2009, the Management Committee charged an ad hoc working group consisting of the representatives of the Institutions' legal services with examining the adaptations necessary to the current structure of the Official Journal, in order to take account of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

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<sup>1</sup> The current structure of the Official Journal is set out in 11736/2/07 REV 2.

3. On the basis of this preparatory work, the Director of the Publications Office has submitted to the Management Committee a proposal – as drafted by the representative of the Council Legal Service in the above-mentioned working group – for a new structure of the Official Journal, in view of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. The proposal is set out in the Annex to this note.
  4. These changes should therefore be approved. The Working Party on Information examined this question in its meeting on 16 December 2009. Coreper is invited to suggest to the Council that it authorise its representative on the Publications Office's Management Committee to agree to the changes to structure as they appear in the Annex.
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**Official Journal L series****L I Legislative acts**

- (a) Regulations
- (b) Directives
- (c) Decisions
- (d) Budgets

**L II Non-legislative acts**

- (a) International agreements
- (b) Regulations <sup>1</sup>
- (c) Directives <sup>2</sup>
- (c) Decisions <sup>3</sup>
- (e) Recommendations
- (f) Guidelines
- (g) Rules of procedure
- (h) Acts adopted by bodies created by international agreements

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<sup>1</sup> for the record – to be published in the following order:

- Regulation of the European Parliament
- Council Regulation based directly on the Treaties
- Implementing Regulation of the Council
- Commission Regulation based directly on the Treaties
- Delegated Regulation of the Commission
- Implementing Regulation of the Commission
- Regulation of the European Central Bank

<sup>2</sup> for the record – to be published in the following order:

- Council Directive based directly on the Treaties
- Implementing Directive of the Council
- Commission Directive based directly on the Treaties
- Delegated Directive of the Commission
- Implementing Directive of the Commission

<sup>3</sup> for the record – to be published in the following order:

- Decision of the European Parliament
- Decision of the European Council
- Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Council Decision based directly on the Treaties
- Implementing Decision of the Council
- Commission Decision based directly on the Treaties
- Delegated Decision of the Commission
- Implementing Decision of the Commission
- Decision of the European Central Bank

L III Other acts

- (a) European Economic Area

L IV Acts adopted before 1 December 2009 under the EC Treaty, the EU Treaty and the Euratom Treaty<sup>1</sup>

**Official Journal Series C** (*Headings 5 to 9*)

C I Resolutions, recommendations and opinions

- (a) Resolutions
- (b) Recommendations
- (c) Opinions<sup>2</sup>

C II Information

- (a) Interinstitutional agreements
- (b) Joint Declarations
- (c) Information from European Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies
  - European Parliament
  - European Council
  - Council
  - European Commission
  - Court of Justice of the European Union
  - European Central Bank
  - Court of Auditors
  - European Economic and Social Committee
  - Committee of the Regions
  - European Union offices and agencies

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<sup>1</sup> This heading will be kept provisionally for the publication of acts adopted before 1 December 2009 under the former Treaties.

<sup>2</sup> Non-compulsory opinions.

### C III Preparatory acts <sup>1</sup>

- (a) Member States' initiatives
- (b) European Parliament
- (c) Council
- (d) European Commission
- (e) Court of Justice of the European Union
- (f) European Central Bank
- (g) High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
- (h) European Economic and Social Committee
- (i) Committee of the Regions
  - (– opinions) <sup>2</sup>
  - (– recommendations) <sup>3</sup>
- (j) European Investment Bank
- (k) European Union offices and agencies

### C IV Notices

- (a) Notices from European Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies
  - European Parliament
  - European Council
  - Council
  - European Commission
  - Court of Justice of the European Union
  - European Central Bank
  - Court of Auditors
  - European Economic and Social Committee
  - Committee of the Regions
  - European Union offices and agencies
- (b) Notices from Member States
- (c) Notices concerning the European Economic Area
  - (– from institutions) <sup>4</sup>
  - (– from Member States) <sup>5</sup>
- (d) Notices from third countries

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<sup>1</sup> Proposals, recommendations, initiatives, compulsory opinions and other preparatory acts.

<sup>2</sup> Will not appear in the table of contents (indicates order of publication in OJ).

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<sup>5</sup> Will not appear in the table of contents (refers to order of publication in OJ).

C V    Announcements

- (a)    Administrative procedures
  - (b)    Court proceedings
  - (c)    Procedures relating to the implementation of the common commercial policy
  - (d)    Procedures relating to the implementation of competition policy
  - (e)    Other acts
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