ADDENDUM to DRAFT MINUTES

Subject: 2696th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 1 and 2 December 2005

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"A" items (list: 15055/05 PTS A 55)

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

**Item 15. Council Directive on minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing refugee status**

12983/05 ASILE 24
+ REV 1 (pl)
+ REV 2 (fi)
+ REV 2 COR 1 (fi)
+ REV 3 (cs)

The Council adopted the above Directive. (Legal basis: point (1)(d) of the first paragraph of Article 63 of the Treaty establishing the European Community.)

1. **Statement by the Council re Article 3**

"The Council is of the view that the Member States which apply the provisions of Article 3(3) of the Directive can, where they suspend an examination of an application for asylum in accordance with Article 17 of Council Directive 2001/55/EC (on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons and bearing the consequences thereof), also suspend the examination of the application for other kinds of international protection covered by the procedure referred to in Article 3(3) until such time as that suspension no longer applies."

2. **Statement by the Council re Article 27**

"In adopting this Directive, the Council recognises, having regard to the differing legal and constitutional traditions, that the rights of individuals are safeguarded in Member States according to their varying administrative, judicial and legal systems."
3. **Statement by the Council re Article 29**

"The Council invites the Commission to submit, as soon as this Directive has entered into force, a proposal allowing the Council to adopt a minimum common list of third countries that shall be regarded by Member States as safe countries of origin."

4. **Statement by the Council re Annex II to the Directive**

"The Council stresses its support for the abolition of the death penalty, as expressed in Protocols No. 6 and 13 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. However, the Council recognises that ceasing to impose and execute the death penalty is a significant step towards abolishing the death penalty and encourages countries to continue their progress towards this end."

**Item 28. European Parliament and Council Regulation relating to measures envisaged to facilitate the procedures for applying for and issuing visas for members of the Olympic family taking part in the 2006 Olympic and/or Paralympic Winter Games in Turin**

PE-CONS 3656/05 VISA 252 COMIX 682 CODEC 883 OC 715

The Council adopted the above Regulation in accordance with the second indent of Article 251(2) of the Treaty establishing the European Community. (Legal basis: Article 62(2), point (a) and point (b)(ii) of the Treaty establishing the European Community.)