ADDENDUM TO "I/A" ITEM NOTE

from: General Secretariat of the Council

to: COREPER/COUNCIL

No. Cion prop.: 6647/08

Subject Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC, as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC, with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny

Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny

Part Four [first reading]

– Adoption of the legislative act (LA + S)

Declarations

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

"The time-limits within which the European Parliament and the Council may oppose a draft measure, according to Article 5a(3)(c) of Council Decision 1999/468, have been curtailed to four weeks or one month in some provisions of the following basic acts: Directive 2004/17, Directive 2004/18 and Regulation No 2111/2005. When transmitting draft measures to the European Parliament and to the Council pursuant to those provisions, the Commission commits itself, except during the European Parliament's periods of recess, to take into account the need for the European Parliament to hold a plenary session before the expiry of the relevant curtailed time-limits and reiterates its commitments under the Agreement between the European Parliament and the Commission on procedures for implementing Council Decision 1999/468/EC, as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC, in particular in respect of the early warning system provided for in paragraph 16 thereof."
STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

"The Commission notes with regret the decision to apply the regulatory procedure with scrutiny provided for in Article 8(1) of Regulation No 2111/2005. It wishes to emphasise in this respect that the implementing rules in question are of a procedural and administrative nature and expand upon the rules already contained in the basic act. The Commission reiterates the importance of ensuring the highest standard of air safety. In order to achieve this objective, it bases its action upon strict, internationally recognised criteria which are objectively applied. This has been the case whenever the black list has been updated since the entry into force of Regulation No 2111/2005. The Commission takes the view that the work on this dossier should continue to be carried out on the basis of technical criteria alone. It therefore believes that the rules of procedure should, in any event, continue to guarantee a high level of safety and efficiency."