

Convention on the protection of the EC financial interests: protocol, officials and members liability

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The Council reached agreement in principle on the wording of the Convention. The UK delegation expressed general reservation about decisions taken by unanimous agreement, as part of a policy of non-cooperation linked to the BSE problem. It was recalled that the First Protocol had been agreed by the ministers in December 1995 and that Parliament had given its opinion in May 1996. The Council was to proceed with the formal adoption of the First Protocol in the near future.