Aid to shipbuilding

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‘The Council: - took note of the current situation as regards the ratification of the international agreement on the commercial shipbuilding and repair industry; - engaged in an exchange of views on the note submitted by the Danish delegation and on the working document from the Commission concerning transparency in the examination of cases of State aid to shipbuilding, which presented that institution’s views on the proposals contained in the note that the Danish delegation had presented to the Industry Council on 28 March 1996. the Council took note of the Commission’s intention to take additional measures to ensure that there were effective and transparent checks on state aid to shipbuilding in the European Union. The aim was to conclude these deliberations at the next Council meeting; - called on all parties to take immediate steps to ratify the OECD agreement on normal competitive conditions in the commercial shipbuilding and repair industry, without which it would not be possible to define a general policy for the shipbuilding industry that was based on market conditions and designed to guarantee fair competition; - called on the Commission to keep a close watch on developments in the ratification of the OECD agreement and to present its new assessment of the situation at the earliest possible date, accompanied if necessary by suitable proposals, in accordance with the conclusions adopted by the Council of Industry Ministers on 6 and 7 November 1995.’