

# **Radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment and mutual recognition of their conformity**

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The Commission considers the common position of the Council acceptable. The compromise secured does not damage the initial objectives of the Commission. The Council has in particular: - introduced safeguards permitting Member States to take certain measures to prevent the placing on the market and putting into service of radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment; - stepped up requirements regarding telecommunications terminal equipment; - clarified the role of harmonised standards; - rendered more stringent the conformity assessment procedures, while retaining the principle of the manufacturer's declaration. The Commission hopes that the compromises arrived at will be applied in a pragmatic and balanced manner. It regrets the Council's decision to opt for a type IIIa committee procedure in a Directive pursuant to Article 100a.