European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ECDVT (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 337/75)

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PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 337/75/EEC on the European Centre for the development of Vocational Training with particular reference to the management and functioning of the Board and the Bureau.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2051/2004/EC amending Regulation 337/75/EC establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training.

CONTENT : the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training is an Agency of the EU. It has a tripartite Management Board and a Bureau. An external evaluation was carried out in 2001. This advised certain changes in order to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of the Centre and of its management structures. The European Parliament has also called upon the Commission to review the composition and working methods of agencies' boards. Accordingly, this Regulation makes the following principal amendments:

- it formalises the existence of three groups, namely government, employers and employees representatives and of the function of a co-coordinator within each group;

- the Board will meet in principle once every year and take all strategic decisions such as the medium-term priorities and the annual work programme. This shift from administrative to strategic tasks is reflected in the modification of the denomination of the Board from Management Board to Governing Board;

- the Centre will comprise a Governing Board, a Bureau and a Director;

- the term of office of members of the Governing Board shall be three years, renewable;

- within the Governing Board, the representatives of governments, employees' organisations and employers' organisations each form a group. Each group shall designate a coordinator. The coordinators of the employees' and the employers' groups will be representatives of their respective

organisations at European level and attend the Board meetings without the right to vote.

- the Governing Board will establish a Bureau made up of the chairman and the three vice-chairmen of the Governing Board, one coordinator per group and one more representative of the Commission services.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 21/12/2004.