Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee on the:

— **'Proposal for a Council Directive on the marketing of seed potatoes' (consolidated version),**

— **'Proposal for a Council Directive on the marketing of beet seed' (consolidated version),**

— **'Proposal for a Council Directive on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants' (consolidated version), and**

— **'Proposal for a Council Directive on the marketing of fodder plant seed' (consolidated version)**

(96/C 153/13)

On 30 January 1996, the Council decided to consult the Economic and Social Committee, under Articles 43 and 198 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the above-mentioned proposals.

The Section for Agriculture and Fisheries, which was responsible for preparing the Committee's work on the subject, adopted its Opinion on 8 February 1996. The Rapporteur was Mr Stokkers.

At its 333rd Plenary Session of 28 and 29 February 1996 (meeting of 28 February 1996), the Economic and Social Committee unanimously adopted the following Opinion.

1. The Committee approves the Commission proposals for the consolidation of the:

— Proposal for a Council Directive on the marketing of seed potatoes (95/0302 CNS),

— Proposal for a Council Directive on the marketing of beet seed (95/0303 CNS),

— Proposal for a Council Directive on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants (95/0304 CNS), and

— Proposal for a Council Directive on the marketing of fodder plant seed (95/0305 CNS)

2. The Committee issued Opinions on the original proposals for Directives in CES 104/64 and CES 509/68.

Done at Brussels, 28 February 1996.

The President

of the Economic and Social Committee

Carlos FERRER