OPINION OF THE ADVOCATE GENERAL

Advocate General Carl Otto Lenz delivered his Opinion on 26 February 1991.* He concluded as follows:

'The only possible conclusion (which, at the hearing, the defendant, too, accepted as being correct) is that the view taken by the Commission must be upheld. It should accordingly be declared, following the terms of the claim, that by requiring public bodies to buy vehicles of domestic manufacture in order to benefit from the aid provided for by Law No 151 of 10 April 1981, the Italian Republic has failed to fulfil its obligations under Article 30 of the EEC Treaty. Since that is the result of the proceedings, the defendant must also be ordered to pay the costs.'

* Original language: German.