The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2009)0154),

– having regard to Article 251(2) and Article 61(c) and the second indent of Article 67(5) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0236/2009),

– having regard to the Commission Communication to Parliament and the Council entitled 'Consequences of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon for ongoing interinstitutional decision-making procedures' (COM(2009)0665),

– having regard to Article 294(3) and Article 81(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

– having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 14 July 2010¹,

– having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,

– having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs (A7-0045/2012),

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;

2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;

3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.


(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) No 650/2012.)