

**Opinion of the „Contact Committee“ set up under Article 23 (a) of  
Directive 89/552/EEC as amended by Directive 97/36/EC  
(Television without frontiers, „the Directive“)**

Whereas Article 3(a)(2) of the Directive provides that the Commission shall seek the opinion of the Committee on measures notified to it by Member States pursuant to Article 3(a)(1);

Whereas the United Kingdom notified measures to the Commission by letter from the Permanent Representation dated 25 September 1998;

Whereas the Commission communicated these measures to the other Member States on 2 November 1998 (doc. CC TVSF(98) 26) and sought the views of delegations at the Committee's meeting on 20 November 1998;

Whereas these are recorded in the minutes of that meeting;

Whereas the Commission notified the authorities of the United Kingdom by letter to the Permanent Representation dated 23 December 1998 that certain aspects of the measures could pose problems of compatibility with Community law;

Whereas the authorities of the United Kingdom, by letter dated 5 May 2000 from the Permanent Representation, notified an amended version of the measures to the Commission;

Whereas the Commission communicated these measures to the other Member States by document CC TVSF(2000) 2 of 12 May 2000 and sought the views of delegations at the Committee's meeting on 23 May 2000;

Whereas Article 6 paragraph 6 of the Rules of Procedure provide that the Committee's opinion may be sought by written procedure;

**The Committee has adopted the following Opinion:**

The Committee finds unobjectionable the measures notified to the Commission by the United Kingdom by letter dated 5 May 2000, as it considers these measures to be consistent with the aims and the provisions of the Directive as set out in Article 3(a)(1) and in the corresponding recitals.

Done at Brussels on 6 June 2000

The Chairman  
(Jean-Eric de Cockborne)