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### **RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE GREEN PAPER ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES OF PVC DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: 30 NOVEMBER 2000**

#### **1. Numbers of statements submitted during the public consultation**

Overall, the Commission has received *more than 32.500* opinions, either in the form of individual e-mails, letters, and FAXes or assembled in lists of signatures supporting certain statements.

In the following, these numbers are broken down according to what positions they take on PVC, who sent them, and where they came from (figures are rounded).

#### **Statements defending the continuous use of PVC:**

- 30 700 Messages/signatures from employees of the PVC industry (producers of PVC, of additives, and transformers) and their families from all European countries (west and east), US, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand
- 1400 Messages sent in the name of companies (producers of PVC, of additives, and mostly transformers) and industry associations from all European countries (west and east), US, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Columbia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Philippines) and also European Industry Associations
- 100 Messages from 'Individuals'. Among them:
  - Politicians / local political party organisations (F, D, B)
  - City / town Councils (F, D, I, UK)
  - Consultants / lawyers (UK, NL, D, F)
  - University lecturers / institutes (B, I, D, UK, F, E, CH, S, NL)
  - Blood Donors (55 signatures during a collection of a local section of the German Red Cross)

#### **Statements emphasising the problems of PVC:**

- 340 Messages from Greenpeace-Supporters
- 30 Messages from associations (NGOs) and companies (e.g. producers of heavy-metal free stabilisers, transformers, producers of alternative materials to PVC)
- 15 Messages from 'Individuals'. Among them:
  - Spontaneous messages from individuals not linked to NGOs
  - Trade Union Health Institutes (UK, E)
  - Consultant (UK)
  - Eco-Institute (D)

## **2. Opinions submitted by authorities and institutions**

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2001.

The following Member States have sent official opinions:

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden

The following countries outside the EU have sent official opinions:

Norway and Thailand