

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the ‘Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC as regards information to the general public on medicinal products subject to medical prescription’**

COM(2012) 48 final — 2008/0256 (COD)

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On 27 February and 13 March 2012 respectively, the Council and the European Parliament decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Articles 114 and 168 (4)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on the

*Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC as regards information to the general public on medicinal products subject to medical prescription*

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Since the Committee had already set out its views on the contents of the proposal in question in opinion CESE 1022/2009, adopted on 10 June 2009 (\*), it decided at its 479th plenary session, held on 28 and 29 March 2012 (meeting of 28 March), by 161 votes to 1 with 9 abstentions, not to draw up a new opinion on the subject, but to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned document.

Brussels, 28 March 2012.

*The President*  
*of the European Economic and Social Committee*  
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(\*) OJ C 306, 16.12.2009, p. 18.