



*European Economic and Social Committee*

**SOC/426**  
**Minimum standards for**  
**the reception of asylum**  
**seekers**  
**(Amended proposal)**

Brussels, 26 October 2011

**OPINION**

of the  
European Economic and Social Committee  
on the  
**Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down**  
**standards for the reception of asylum seekers (Recast)**  
COM(2011) 320 final – 2008/0244 (COD)

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On 19 July 2011, the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 304 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 laying down standards for the reception of asylum seekers (Recast)*  
COM(2011) 320 final – 2008/0244 (COD).

Since the Committee has already set out its views on the subject of the proposal in question in its opinion on the *Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers (recast)*, adopted on 16 July 2009<sup>1</sup>, it decided, at its 475th plenary session of 26 and 27 October 2011 (meeting of 26 October), by 148 votes to 1 with 12 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, 26 October 2011.

The President  
of the  
European Economic and Social Committee

Staffan Nilsson

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<sup>1</sup> EESC opinion *Minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers*, OJ C 317, 23.12.2009, p. 110.