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**APPLICATION OF SUMMER TIME**

Note by the secretariat

According to the information received from the Governments of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom, all these countries are applying the same summer-time arrangements, as set forth by the 8<sup>th</sup> Directive 97/44/CE of 22 July 1997 (JOCE L 206/62 of 1/08/97).

Therefore, in these countries (as well as in the European Union), the summer time period starts at 1 a.m. UT on the last Sunday in March and ends at 1 a.m. UT on the last Sunday in October. In 2000, the summer time period lasts from 26 March 2000 to 29 October 2000. During the summer time period, clocks are put forward by 60 minutes compared to the rest of the year.

However, according to the information provided by Latvia and Lithuania, Baltic States are not introducing summer time arrangements for 2000.

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