

TREATY OF AMSTERDAM AMENDING THE TREATY ON
EUROPEAN UNION, THE TREATIES ESTABLISHING
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND CERTAIN
RELATED ACTS

PROTOCOLS

C. Protocols annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community

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**PROTOCOL
ON THE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING
IN THE MEMBER STATES**

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

CONSIDERING that the system of public broadcasting in the Member States is directly related to the democratic, social and cultural needs of each society and to the need to preserve media pluralism;

HAVE AGREED UPON the following interpretative provisions, which shall be annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

The provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Community shall be without prejudice to the competence of Member States to provide for the funding of public service broadcasting insofar as such funding is granted to broadcasting organisations for the fulfilment of the public service remit as conferred, defined and organised by each Member State, and insofar as such funding does not affect trading conditions and competition in the Community to an extent which would be contrary to the common interest, while the realisation of the remit of that public service shall be taken into account.

(...)

These are excerpts of the text of the Treaty of Amsterdam amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain acts, as signed in Amsterdam on 2 October 1997. It should be noted that the amendments made by the Treaty of Amsterdam will be effective only on its entry into force, as provided for in Article 14(2) of that Treaty. The text has been produced for documentary purposes and does not involve the responsibility of the institutions.