# GUIDELINES RESULTING FROM THE 53<sup>RD</sup> MEETING of 4-5 November 1997 XXI/97/2.454 (1/1)

# II. QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE INTERPRETATION OF THE COMMUNITY VAT PROVISIONS

## 5.2 ARTICLE 4

Services supplied by company directors (Document XXI/97/1.424 – Working Paper No 239) *Cf. the minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting point 3.2* 

<u>All</u> delegations agreed that services supplied by a legal person as a member of a company's board of directors should be regarded as economic activities carried out independently within the meaning of Article 4(1) and (2) and that they should therefore be subject to VAT.

### 5.3 ARTICLE 9

Place of supply of services involving the tracing of heirs (Document XXI/97/1.658 – Working Paper No 242) Cf. the minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting point 8.2 *This guideline was approved at the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting* 

The Committee <u>unanimously</u> agrees that the tracing of heirs falls within the scope of the third indent of Article 9(2)(e), either as a service similar to one of the activities referred to in that Article or as the supply of information.

### 5.4 ARTICLE 6

Transfers of football players (Document XXI/97/1.687 – Working Paper No 241) Cf. the minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting points 2.3 and 3 *This guideline was approved at the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting* 

A <u>large majority</u> of delegations took the view that a payment made by a football club to a player's original club (a payment required by law and intended to compensate for expenditure incurred in training and developing the player) after the original contract had expired or had been terminated constituted a supply of services that was subject to VAT, even if the old club no longer had any rights over the player.