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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
of 15 January 2003
appointing the European Ombudsman (*)**

(2003/158/EC, Euratom)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 21, second paragraph, and Article 195 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 107d thereof,

Having regard to its decision of 9 March 1994 on the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties ⁽¹⁾, as amended by its decision of 14 March 2002 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Rule 177 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having regard to the call for nominations ⁽³⁾,

Having regard to its votes of 14 and 15 January 2003,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Mr Nikiforos DIAMANDOUROS has been appointed European Ombudsman with effect from 1 April 2003.

Done at Strasbourg, 15 January 2003.

For the European Parliament
The President
P. COX

(*) This decision annuls and replaces Decision 2002/103/EC, Euratom of the European Parliament (OJ L 43, 18.2.2003, p. 43).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 113, 4.5.1994, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 92, 9.4.2002, p. 13.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 213, 7.9.2002, p. 10.