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Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 95/18/EC on the licensing of railway undertakings COM(98)0480 — C4-0562/98 — 98/0266 (SYN))

(Cooperation procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council COM(98)0480 — 98/0266(SYN) ([1]),

— having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 189c and Article 75 of the EC Treaty (C4-0562/98)

— having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Transport and Tourism and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (A4-0059/99),

1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;

2. Calls on the Council to incorporate Parliament's amendments in the common position that it adopts in accordance with Article 189c(a) of the EC Treaty;

3. Should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament, calls on the Council to notify Parliament and for the conciliation procedure to be initiated;

4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

(*) OJ C 321, 20.10.1998, p. 8.

II.

Proposal for a Council Directive relating to the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the levying of charges for the use of railway infrastructure and safety certification (COM(98)0480 — C4-0563/98 — 98/0267(SYN))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION (*)	AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT
(Amendment 3)	
Recital 7	
(7) Whereas *there are a small but growing number of undertakings seeking to make use of the Community's rail infrastructure*;	(7) Whereas **an efficient freight sector, especially across borders, requires a cautious opening up of the market**;
(Amendment 4)	
Recital 7a (new)	
	(7a) Whereas the gradual opening-up of rail transport markets must be accompanied by technical harmonisation measures, which should be introduced as quickly and efficiently as possible;

(*) OJ C 321, 20.10.1998, p. 10.