Thursday 6 May 1999

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (COM(98)0380 — C4-0501/98 — 98/0219(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(98)0380 — 98/0219(CNS) ([1]),

— having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 145 (now Article 202) of the EC Treaty (C4-0501/98),

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

— having regard to the report of the Committee on Institutional Affairs and the opinions of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy, the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy, the Committee on External Economic Relations, Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Committee on Transport and Tourism, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media, the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs, the Committee on Budgetary Control, the Committee on Fisheries and the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities (A4-0169/99),

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

2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;

3. Notes that the negotiations have progressed on some issues, such as transparency, harmonisation of procedures, Parliament's role, but notes that, as far as simplification is concerned, maintaining regulatory committees would be unacceptable unless the double safety-net procedure were abandoned, while guaranteeing effective decision-making procedures and avoiding a system which might result in no decisions being taken;

4. Calls for the conciliation procedure to be opened should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;

5. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;

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

([1]) OJ C 279, 8.9.1998, p. 5.

22. Situation in Kosovo

B4-0443, 0444, 0445, 0454 and 0485/99

Resolution on Kosovo

The European Parliament,

— having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Kosovo and the former Yugoslavia, notably that of 15 April 1999 ([1]),

— having regard to the outcome of the informal meeting of Heads of State or Government of 14 April 1999 and the conclusions of the meeting of the General Affairs Council of 26/27 April 1999,

— having regard to UN Security Council Resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998) and 1203 (1998),

([1]) Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 4.