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TEXTS ADOPTED

1. Conservation and sustainable forest management ***II

A5-0048/2000

European Parliament legislative resolution on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council regulation on measures to promote the conservation and sustainable management of tropical forests and other forests in developing countries (12487/1/1999 – C5-0014/2000 – 1999/0015(COD))

(Codecision procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council common position (12487/1/1999 – C5-0014/2000),
- having regard to its position at first reading⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(1999) 41)⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's amended proposal (COM(2000) 54 – C5-0092/2000),
- having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Rule 80 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (A5-0048/2000),

1. Amends the common position as follows;
2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

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AMENDMENTS
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(Amendment 1)

Recital 11

(11) Provision should be made for funding the activities referred to in this Regulation;

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(Amendment 2)

Article 3, 3rd indent a (new)

- **ensuring the active participation of forest-dependent people and local communities in the development of national forest policies and in development planning.**

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 279, 1.10.1999, p. 184.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 87, 29.3.1999, p. 97.

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(Amendment 3)

Article 3, 3rd indent b (new)

- **improving coordination and the flow of information between Commission and Member State projects so as to set up coherent actions in the regions concerned.**

(Amendment 4)

Article 4(3), 3rd indent

- participation of forest-dependent people and local communities in activities carried out under this Regulation, taking into account their development priorities and economic, social and cultural rights, inter alia through capacity building, in order to ensure their full participation in all decision-making processes.
- **providing prior information and ensuring the** participation of forest-dependent people and local communities in activities carried out under this Regulation, taking into account their development priorities and economic, social and cultural rights, inter alia through capacity building, in order to ensure their full participation in all decision-making processes.

(Amendment 5)

Article 4(3), 4th indent

- sustainability of any proposed activity, social, economic as well as environmental.
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(Amendment 6)

Article 4(5), 2nd paragraph (new)

Activities carried out shall be evaluated taking into account the opinion of forest-dependent people.

(Amendment 7)

Article 4(7)

7. When appropriate, activities shall be carried out within the framework of regional organisations and international programmes of cooperation and shall be supportive to the development of a global policy on the conservation and sustainable management of forests.
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(Amendment 8)

Article 7, 2nd paragraph (new)

Notwithstanding the other measures that the Commission shall take to protect the Community's financial interests, bank or credit guarantees shall not be required where such a requirement would preclude the participation of the recipients and partners identified in Article 5.

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(Amendment 9)

Article 8, 1st paragraph

The financial framework for implementing this Regulation during the period from 2000 to 2006 shall be € 63 million.

The financial framework for implementing this Regulation during the period from 2000 to 2006 shall be € **249** million.

(Amendment 10)

Article 9(2)

2. Each year, the Commission shall adopt, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 10(2), strategic guidelines and priorities for implementing the activities to be carried out in the following year.

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(Amendment 13)

Article 9(3)

3. Decisions relating to grants of € 2 million or more for individual activities financed under this Regulation shall be adopted by the Commission in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 10(2).

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(Amendment 11)

Article 10(2)

2. *Where reference is made to this paragraph, the management procedure laid down in Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.*

2. The measures to be taken for the implementation of this Regulation concerning strategic guidelines and priorities shall be adopted by use of the management procedure referred to in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC, having regard to Articles 7 and 8 thereof.

The period provided for in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be one month.

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The measures to be taken for the implementation of this Regulation concerning all other matters shall be adopted by use of the advisory procedure referred to in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC, having regard to Articles 7 and 8 thereof.