

Thursday 28 May 1998

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY 28 MAY 1998

(98/C 195/02)

PART I

Proceedings of the sitting

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs HOFF

*Vice-President**(The sitting opened at 9 a.m.)***1. Approval of Minutes**

Mr Cars had informed the Chair that he had been present but that his name was not on the attendance register.

Mr Wijsenbeek pointed out that he had made a personal statement the previous day following Mrs Roth's remarks on the Court of Auditors' interim report on Members' allowances (Item 3) and pointed out that the previous day Mrs Van Dijk had accused him on Dutch television of opposing any change to the current statutory arrangements for MEPs; he refuted this accusation, pointing out that he had called for a single statute on a number of occasions, called on the Green Group to withdraw its accusations and asked the Bureau to bring forward as soon as possible proposals for a single statute for MEPs. He also asked for the rainbow version of the verbatim report for a particular day's sitting to be made available the following day in Brussels just as it was in Strasbourg (the President noted his comments and requests).

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

2. Referral to committee — Hughes procedure

Committees had been asked for opinions as follows:

— CONT on a proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organisation of the market in oils and fats ((COM(98)0171 — C4-0229/98 — 98/0098(CNS)) (responsible: AGRI, asked for opinions: ESOC, BUDG);

— ESOC (originally responsible) on an amended proposal for a Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to collective redundancies (COM(97)0653 — C4-0005/98 — 96/0290(CNS)) (responsible: LEGA, originally asked for opinion);

The Hughes procedure would be applied to:

— Commission communication on promoting the role of voluntary organisations and foundations in Europe (COM(97)0241 — C4-0546/97) (responsible: ESOC, asked for opinions: ECON, LEGA);
Hughes procedure for ESOC and LEGA

3. Documents received

The President had received from the Commission:

(a) *the following communication:*

— Communication to the Council and the European Parliament on nuclear sector related activities for the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the New Independent States (COM(98)0134 — C4-0314/98)

referred to
responsible: RTDE
opinion: FASE, RELA, BUDG

(b) *proposals for transfers of appropriations:*

— Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 2/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission — Part B — of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1998 (SEC(98)0888 — C4-0279/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

— Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 7/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission — Part B — of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1998 (SEC(98)0908 — C4-0280/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

— Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 10/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission — Part A — of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1998 (SEC(98)0883 — C4-0282/98)

referred to
responsible: CONT

— Proposal for the transfer of appropriations No 8/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission — Part B — of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1998 (SEC(98)0811 — C4-0311/98)

referred to
responsible: CONT

(c) *the following text:*

— Working document: Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure — Draft (SEC(98)0698 — C4-0272/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG
opinion: CONT

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4. Cohesion Fund — Structural Funds — Island regions (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on three reports drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy.

Mr Arias Cañete introduced his report on the annual report by the Commission on the Cohesion Fund (1996) (COM(97)0302 — C4-0482/97) (A4-0159/98).

Mrs Klaß introduced her report on the eighth annual report on the Structural Funds (1996) (COM(97)0526 — C4-0582/97) (A4-0160/98).

Mr Viola introduced his report on the problems of island regions in the European Union (A4-0118/98).

The following spoke: Mrs Díez de Rivera Icaza, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on the Environment (A4-0159/98), Mr Sisó Cruellas, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Transport (A4-0159/98), Mr McCartin, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Fisheries (A4-0160 and 0118/98), Mrs Hermange, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A4-0160/98), Mr Papakriazis, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on the Environment (A4-0118/98), Mrs McCarthy, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Rack, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Vallvé, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Baggioni, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Novo, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mrs Schroedter, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Macartney, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Nicholson, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, and Mr Cellai, Non-attached Member.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Izquierdo Collado, Mr Schiedermeier, Mr Gerard Collins, Mr Virrankoski, Mrs Sierra González, Mrs Lindholm, Mrs Karamanou, Mrs Bennasar Tous, Mr Hyland, Mrs Thors, Mr Fernández Martín, Mr Hatzidakis, Mr Howitt, Mr Medina Ortega, Mr Otila, Mr Bösch, Mr Costa Neves, Mr Lage, Mr Berend, Mr Perry, Mr Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Mrs Wulf-Mathies, Member of the Commission, and Mrs Díez de Rivera Icaza on the previous speaker's remarks.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 22.

(The sitting was suspended at 10.55 a.m. pending voting time and resumed at 11 a.m.)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr COT

Vice-President

Mr Tomlinson referred to remarks apparently made by Mr Jean-Pierre to the Belgian press in which he repeated previous allegations to the effect that Parliament was blocking a request for waiver of a Member's immunity, and pointed out that Mr Jean-Pierre had never provided any proof of his allegations either to the Bureau or to the President. He called on Mr Jean-Pierre to back-up his allegations or modify his stance (the President replied that the question had been raised at the Bureau meeting that morning and that he would provide further information on future developments).

5. Communication of common positions of the Council

Pursuant to Rule 64(1), the President announced that he had received from the Council, in accordance with Articles 189b and 189c of the EC Treaty, the following common positions, together with the reasons which had led to their adoption, and the Commission's positions:

— Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive relating to coffee extracts and chicory extracts (C4-0306/98 — 96/0117(COD))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: AGRI

legal basis: Art. 100a EC

— Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a Council Regulation on integrating gender issues in development cooperation (C4-0307/98 — 97/0151(SYN))

referred to
responsible: DEVE
opinion: ESOC, BUDG, WOME

legal basis: Art. 130w (1) EC

— Common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive on the supplementary supervision of insurance undertakings in an insurance group (C4-0308/98 — 95/0245(COD))

referred to
responsible: LEGA
opinion: ECON

legal basis: Art. 57(2) EC

The three-month period available to Parliament to deliver its opinion would therefore begin the following day, 29 May 1998.

VOTING TIME

6. Key for subscription of capital of European Central Bank * (Rule 99) (vote)

Proposal for a Council Decision on the statistical data to be used for the determination of the key for subscription of the capital of the European Central Bank (COM(97)0725 — C4-0148/98 — 98/0057(CNS))
(Simple majority)

referred to
responsible: ECON

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION COM(97)0725 — C4-0148/98 — 98/0057(CNS)

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item I*).

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7. Tax for benefit of European Communities * (Rule 99) (vote)

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68 which lays down the conditions and procedure for applying the tax for the benefit of the European Communities (COM(97)0725 — C4-0149/98 — 98/0058(CNS)).
(Simple majority)

referred to
responsible: LEGA
opinion: ECON

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(97)0725 — C4-0149/98 — 98/0058(CNS))

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item 2*).

8. Protocol on privileges and immunities * (Rule 99) (vote)

Proposal for a Council Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EC) amending Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 549/69 determining the categories of officials and other servants of the European Communities to whom the provisions of Article 12, the second paragraph of Article 13 and Article 14 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the Communities apply COM(97)0725 — C4-0150/98 — 98/0059(CNS))
(Simple majority)

referred to
responsible: LEGA
opinion: ECON

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(97)0725 — C4-0150/98 — 98/0059(CNS))

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item 3*).

9. Community accession to General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean *** (Rule 99) (vote)

Report drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Fisheries, on the proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Community to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (5957/98 — C4-0235/98 — 97/0059(AVC)) (A4-0176/98) (rapporteur: Mr Roubatis, without debate).
(Simple majority)

DRAFT DECISION (assent procedure)

Parliament adopted the decision and thereby gave its assent (*Part II, Item 4*).

10. Higher education **II (vote)

Recommendation for 2nd reading by Mrs Heinisch — A4-0191/98
(Qualified majority)

COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL C4-0191/98 — 97/0121(SYN):

Amendment adopted: 1

The common position was thus amended (*Part II, Item 5*).

11. Registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers **I (vote)

Bazin report — A4-0190/98
(Simple majority)

PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE COM(97)0248 — C4-0423/97 — 97/0150(SYN):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 5 collectively; 6

Amendment rejected: 7/rev. by EV (203 for, 213 against, 9 abstentions)

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 6*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 6*).

12. Fifth framework programme **I/* (vote)

Marset Campos report — A4-0188/98
(Simple majority)

I. PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION COM(97)0587/2 — C4-0015/98 — 97/0309(SYN):

Amendments adopted: 3 to 5 collectively; 6 by EV (268 for, 185 against, 0 abstentions); 8 to 18 collectively

Amendments rejected: 1; 2 by EV (210 for, 224 against, 2 abstentions); 7 by EV (226 for, 235 against, 1 abstention)

The following spoke during the vote:

— the rapporteur on ams. 6 and 7.

Separate votes: am. 6 (GUE/NGL), 7 (PPE)

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 7*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 7*).

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II. PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION COM(97)0587/2 — C4-0016/98 — 97/0310(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 19, 21 to 30 and 32 collectively

Amendments cancelled: 20, 31

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 7*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 7*).

13. Consultation of European Central Bank on draft legislative provisions * (vote)

Herman report — A4-0195/98
(*Simple majority*)

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION COM(97)0725 — C4-0147/98 — 98/0056(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 4 collectively

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 8*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 8*).

14. Production of potato starch * (vote)

Redondo Jiménez report — A4-0163/98
(*Simple majority*)

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(97)0576 — C4-0045/98 — 97/0300(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 1 and 2 collectively; 3; 5

Amendment rejected: 6

Amendment fallen: 4

Separate vote: am. 3 (I-EDN, ELDR)

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 9*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 9*).

15. Preparation for Cardiff European Council (vote)

Motions for resolutions B4-0575, 0576, 0577, 0579 and 0580/98

(*Simple majority*)

— MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0575, 0576, 0577 and 0579/98:

— joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:

Green and David, on behalf of the PSE Group

Puerta, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Aelvoet and Roth, on behalf of the V Group

Lalumière, on behalf of the ARE Group

to replace these motions with a new text:

Amendments adopted: 4; 5; 6; 33 by EV (240 for, 209 against, 14 abstentions); 36 by EV (232 for, 226 against, 5 abstentions); 1; 14; 16; 17; 19; 26; 2; 3

Amendments rejected: 31; 7; 32; 8; 24; 9; 10; 11; 12; 34; 35; 13; 15; 29; 18; 20; 21; 25; 22 by EV (110 for, 301 against, 6 abstentions); 27; 28; 30; 23

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, the first citation by EV (276 for, 158 against, 9 abstentions), the first part of para. 7 by EV (250 for, 209 against, 6 abstentions), para. 32 by EV (244 for, 177 against, 47 abstentions).

The second part of para. 21 was rejected by EV (214 for, 252 against, 3 abstentions).

Separate vote: para. 32 (GUE/NGL)

Split votes:

para. 7 (GUE/NGL)

1st part: text without the words 'adaptability and'

2nd part: these words

para. 21 (ARE)

1st part: text without the word 'unconditionally'

2nd part: this word

Parliament rejected the joint motion for a resolution by EV (223 for, 245 against, 13 abstentions).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0575/98:
(*Simple majority*)

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0576/98:
(*Simple majority*)

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution by EV (203 for, 267 against, 11 abstentions).

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0577/98:
(*Simple majority*)

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0579/98:
(Simple majority)

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION B4-0580/98:
(Simple majority)

Parliament rejected the motion for a resolution.

16. Role of Union in world: implementation of CFSP (vote)
Spencer report — A4-0169/98
(Simple majority)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 9; 4; 6 by EV (229 for, 218 against, 14 abstentions); 12 (compromise); 2; oral amendment

Amendments rejected: 10; 5; 11; 3 by EV (209 for, 258 against, 5 abstentions); 7 by EV (211 for, 230 against, 7 abstentions)

Amendments withdrawn: 1, 8

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

The following spoke during the vote:

— On behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs André-Léonard proposed an oral amendment to include a new paragraph after para. 25: 'Views as most serious the continued presence of nuclear weapons in the Indian subcontinent which poses a threat to international stability, and regrets that the lack of a genuine common EU policy on security prevents the Union from playing a political role in the establishment of a dialogue on the strategic balance between the countries in the region;'

The President established that there was no opposition to voting on this oral amendment which was adopted.

Split votes:

para. 2(d) (V)

1st part: text without the words 'coordination ... into the EU'
2nd part: these words

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PPE):

Members voting:	470
For:	416
Against:	36
Abstentions:	18

(Part II, Item 10).

17. Situation in South Africa (vote)

Motion for a resolutions B4-0570, 0571, 0572, 0573, 0574 and 0578/98

(Simple majority)

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0570, 0571, 0572, 0573, 0574 and 0578/98:

— joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Vecchi, Theorin, Spiers, Waddington, Barros Moura, Lange and Kinnock, on behalf of the PSE Group
Schwaiger, Maij-Weggen and Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group
Gerard Collins, on behalf of the UPE Group
Bertens and Fassa, on behalf of the ELDR Group
Querbes, Marset Campos, Vinci, Gutiérrez Díaz and Miranda, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Aelvoet and Telkämper, on behalf of the V Group
Macartney, on behalf of the ARE Group
to replace these motions with a new text:

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 11*).

18. Broad guidelines of economic policies (vote)

Gasòliba i Böhm report — A4-0193/98

(Simple majority)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 2; 1 (1st part); 3; 4; 5 (1st part); 6 (1st part); oral amendment

Amendments rejected: 1 (2nd part) by EV (206 for, 234 against, 16 abstentions); 5 (2nd part) by EV (212 for, 244 against, 6 abstentions); 6 (2nd part) by EV (210 for, 233 against, 21 abstentions)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, para. 37 by EV (227 for, 224 against, 11 abstentions).

The 2nd part of para. 18 was rejected.

The following spoke during the vote:

— the rapporteur proposed an oral amendment to include a new paragraph after paragraph 37: 'Calls on the Ecofin Council to accept the Commission's recommendation for the Broad Economic Guidelines, as supported by this resolution;'

The President established that there was no opposition to voting on this oral amendment which was adopted.

Separate vote: para. 37

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Split votes:

am. 1 (PPE, ELDR)

1st part: up to 'domestic demand'

2nd part: remainder

para. 18 (PSE)

1st part: text without the word 'regions'

2nd part: that word

am. 5 (PPE)

1st part: up to 'management'

2nd part: remainder

am. 6 (PPE)

1st part: up to 'fiscal reforms'

2nd part: remainder

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PPE):

Members voting:	468
For:	415
Against:	49
Abstentions:	4

(Part II, Item 12).

19. Estimates of revenue and expenditure of Parliament and Ombudsman for 1999 (vote)

Viola report — A4-0175/98

(Simple majority)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendment adopted: 2/rev.

Amendment rejected: 1 by EV (213 for, 236 against, 11 abstentions)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

The following spoke during the vote:

— following the adoption of am. 2/rev., the rapporteur pointed out that the title of the resolution should be changed (the President established that there was no opposition to this proposed change);

— before the vote on para. 21, the rapporteur proposed that the PSE Group should withdraw its am. 1 or that the House should accept an oral amendment to am. 1. On behalf of the PSE Group,

Mr Wynn refused to withdraw the amendment and asked for it to be put to the vote in its original form.

Parliament adopted the resolution (Part II, Item 13).

(Estimates of the European Parliament: see preliminary draft budget for 1999 — Volume 2)

20. Situation of frontier workers (vote)

Van Lancker report — A4-0168/98

(Simple majority)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 4; 1; 9 as addition; 2

Amendments rejected: 3 by EV (193 for, 257 against, 3 abstentions); 5 by RCV; 6; 7; 8

Amendment withdrawn: 10

Amendment cancelled: 11

The different parts of the text were adopted in order (the PPE Group asked for para. 16 to be moved and inserted after para. 13; the President established that there was no opposition to this request).

The following spoke during the vote:

— the rapporteur said she could support am. 9 if it was taken as an addition. Mrs Glase, co-author of the amendment on behalf of the PPE Group, agreed to this proposal.

Separate vote: para. 5 (PPE)

Results of RCVs:

am. 5 (ELDR):

Members voting:	462
For:	206
Against:	250
Abstentions:	6

Parliament adopted the resolution by RCV (PSE):

Members voting:	471
For:	327
Against:	140
Abstentions:	4

(Part II, Item 14).

21. Cohesion Fund — Structural Funds — Island regions (vote)

Arias Cañete report (A4-0159/98), Klaß report (A4-0160/98) and Viola report (A4-0118/98)

(Simple majority)

(a) A4-0159/98

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 1 by split vote and by RCV; 7 by EV (257 for, 176 against, 15 abstentions); 2 by RCV; 3 by RCV; 4 by RCV; 8 by EV (359 for, 68 against, 5 abstentions)

Amendments rejected: 5 by EV (218 for, 224 against, 3 abstentions); 6

The different parts of the text were adopted in order, para. 18 by EV (313 for, 97 against, 12 abstentions)

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The following spoke during the vote:

— Taking over a proposal by the PSE Group, the rapporteur proposed an oral amendment to para. 14 to replace the words 'period of application of the Cohesion Fund' by 'period of application of a cohesion fund'. He also asked Mr Berend to withdraw am. 4 tabled on behalf of the PPE Group: Mr Berend did so.

Mr Novo, supported by more than 12 Members, opposed putting the oral amendment to the vote: it was therefore not put to the vote.

Mrs McCarthy then said that the PSE Group would vote against the motion for a resolution if para. 14 was not put to the vote with the oral amendment.

The President therefore asked Mr Berend whether he was prepared to reintroduce his am. 4: Mr Berend agreed to do so.

— Mr Roubatis, Mr Ephremidis and Mrs Marinucci said that they had intended to vote against am. 7 adopted by EV.

Separate vote: para. 14 (PSE)

Split votes:

am. 1 (I-EDN)

1st part: text without the words 'whereas the single currency ... regions of the Union'
2nd part: these words

para. 7 (V)

1st part: up to 'aid from the Cohesion Fund'
2nd part: remainder

Results of RCVs:

am. 1 (1st part) (GUE/NGL):

Members voting:	438
For:	315
Against:	113
Abstentions:	10

am. 1 (2nd part) (GUE/NGL):

Members voting:	444
For:	353
Against:	77
Abstentions:	14

am. 2 (GUE/NGL):

Members voting:	453
For:	350
Against:	96
Abstentions:	7

am. 3 (GUE/NGL):

Members voting:	439
For:	344
Against:	86
Abstentions:	9

am. 4 (GUE/NGL):

Members voting:	448
For:	235
Against:	203
Abstentions:	10

Parliament adopted the resolution by EV (175 for, 166 against, 111 abstentions) (*Part II, Item 15(a)*).

(b) A4-0160/98

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 1 (1st part); 1 (2nd part) by EV (219 for, 168 against, 21 abstentions); 2

Amendments rejected: 1 (3rd part); 3; 4; 6; 5 by EV (193 for, 237 against, 2 abstentions)

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

Split votes:

am. 1 (PPE)

1st part: introduction and 1st indent
2nd part: 2nd indent
3rd part: 3rd indent

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 15(b)*).

(c) A4-0118/98

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 7 by EV (323 for, 77 against, 0 abstentions); 25; 10; 1 by EV (223 for, 180 against, 3 abstentions); 24; 2 by EV (230 for, 160 against, 9 abstentions); 4 by EV (218 for, 166 against, 12 abstentions); 20; 21 (1st part); 21 (2nd part) by EV (195 for, 183 against, 12 abstentions); 22; 23 (1st part); 23 (2nd part)

Amendments rejected: 8; 9; 11; 12; 3 by EV (187 for, 219 against, 3 abstentions); 13; 14; 19; 15; 16 by EV (35 for, 322 against, 3 abstentions); 18 by EV (175 for, 204 against, 13 abstentions); 5 by EV (174 for, 197 against, 11 abstentions); 6 by EV (94 for, 274 against, 9 abstentions)

Amendment withdrawn: 17

The different parts of the text were adopted in order.

The following spoke during the vote:

— Mrs Thors said before the vote that the Swedish version of am. 20 was wrong (the President replied that the various language versions would be checked, as some others contained errors as well);

— the rapporteur proposed merging ams. 21 and 22: Parliament agreed to this proposal,

Separate votes: paras. 2 (ELDR, V); 24 (ELDR, PSE); 30 (ELDR, I-EDN)

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Split votes:

para. 11 (V)

1st part: text without the words 'including transport'
2nd part: these words

am. 21 (PSE)

1st part: up to 'which has a marked seasonal element'
2nd part: remainder

para. 34 (V)

1st part: text without the words '(such as the hotel industry)'
2nd part: these words

am. 23 (I-EDN)

1st part: up to 'its productivity'
2nd part: remainder

para. 36 (I-EDN)

1st part: text without the words 'as part of the integrated policy'
2nd part: these words

Mr Fabre-Aubrespy asked for a recital which had been added to the report by means of a corrigendum to be put to the vote (the President replied that there had been a mistake in the text submitted by the Regional Policy Committee which the corrigendum had put right: it was a purely technical corrigendum which did not need to be put to the vote).

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 15(c)*).

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Explanations of vote were made by the following Members:

Heinisch recommendation for 2nd reading — A4-0191/98

— *in writing*: Deprez

Bazin report — A4-0190/98

— *in writing*: Le Rachinel; Cushnahan

Herman report — A4-0195/98

— *orally*: Berthu, on behalf of the I-EDN Group
— *in writing*: Wolf, on behalf of the V Group; Randzio-Plath; Wibe, Theorin, Ahlqvist; Lindqvist; Caudron; Iversen, Sindal

Redondo Jiménez report — A4-0163/98

— *in writing*: des Places, on behalf of the I-EDN Group; Souchet; Wibe, Theorin, Andersson, Löow, Hulthén, Ahlqvist

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— *orally*: Berthu, on behalf of the I-EDN Group
— *in writing*: Cushnahan

Spencer report — A4-0169/98

— *in writing*: Wibe; Lindqvist; Gahrton, Lindholm, Holm; Deprez; Cushnahan; Rovsing

Gasòliba i Böhm report — A4-0193/98

— *in writing*: Berthu, on behalf of the I-EDN Group; Blokland; Wolf; Lindqvist; Caudron; Ribeiro; Wibe, Theorin, Andersson, Löow, Hulthén, Ahlqvist; Iversen, Sindal; Holm; Fourçans; Rovsing

Viola report — A4-0175/98

— *in writing*: Rübig

Van Lancker report — A4-0168/98

— *orally*: Lulling
— *in writing*: Fayot; Caudron; Müller

Arias Cañete report — A4-0159/98

— *orally*: McCarthy, on behalf of the PSE Group
— *in writing*: Buffetaut, on behalf of the I-EDN Group; Cox; Marinho

Klaß report — A4-0160/98

— *in writing*: Wibe; Deprez; Cushnahan; Darras; Bernardini

Viola report — A4-0118/98

— *in writing*: Striby, on behalf of the I-EDN Group; Díez de Rivera Icaza; Correia; Cushnahan; Lindqvist; Girão Pereira; Ahlqvist, Theorin, Andersson, Wibe; Apolinário; Ephremidis; Bernardini

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Mr Fabre-Aubrespy spoke on the President's reply to his previous remarks.

Corrections to votes — Members present but not voting:

Spencer report (A4-0169/9)

— final vote
— Mrs Ferrer had intended to vote for but had not voted by mistake

Arias Cañete report (A4-0159/98)

— am. 1 (1st and 2nd parts)
— had intended to vote against: Roubatis (not for)
— am. 3
— had intended to vote for: Kaklamanis (not against)
— am. 4
— had intended to vote for: Kaklamanis and Daskalaki (not against), Bernardini and Izquierdo Collado

END OF VOTING TIME

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22. Forwarding of texts adopted during the sitting

The President informed Parliament, pursuant to Rule 133(2), that the Minutes of that day's sitting would be submitted to Parliament for its approval at the beginning of its next sitting.

With Parliament's agreement, he stated that he would forward the texts that had just been adopted forthwith to the bodies named therein.

23. Dates for next sittings

The President announced that the next sittings would be held from 15 to 19 June 1998.

24. Adjournment of session

The session was adjourned.

(The sitting closed at 12.35 p.m.)

Julian PRIESTLEY
Secretary-General

José María GIL-ROBLES GIL-DELGADO
President

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PART II

Texts adopted by the European Parliament

1. Key for subscription of capital of European Central Bank * (Rule 99)

Proposal for a Council Decision on the statistical data to be used for the determination of the key for subscription of the capital of the European Central Bank (COM(97)0725 — C4-0148/98 — 98/0057(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The proposal was approved.

2. Tax for the benefit of the European Communities * (Rule 99)

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 260/68 which lays down the conditions and procedure for applying the tax for the benefit of the European Communities (COM(97)0725 — C4-0149/98 — 98/0058(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The proposal was approved.

3. Protocol on privileges and immunities * (Rule 99)

Proposal for a Council Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EC) amending Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 549/69 determining the categories of officials and other servants of the European Communities to whom the provisions of Article 12, the second paragraph of Article 13 and Article 14 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the Communities apply (COM(97)0725 — C4-0150/98 — 98/0059(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The proposal was approved.

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4. Community accession to General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean * (Rule 99)**

A4-0176/98

Decision on the proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Community to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (5957/98 — C4-0235/98 — 97/0059(AVC))

(Assent procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council Decision (5957/98 — 97/0059(AVC)),
- having regard to the Council's request for Parliament's assent pursuant to Article 228(3), second subparagraph, and Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0235/98),
- having regard to Rule 90(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Fisheries (A4-0176/98),

1. Gives its assent to the accession of the European Community to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean;

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council, the Commission, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States of the European Union and of the member states of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean.

5. Higher education **II

A4-0191/98

Decision on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a Council Recommendation on European cooperation in quality assurance in higher education (C4-0191/98 — 97/0121(SYN))

(Cooperation procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the common position of the Council, C4-0191/98 — 97/0121(SYN),
- having regard to its opinion at first reading⁽¹⁾ on the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0159,
- having regard to the amended Commission proposal, COM(97)0707,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 189c of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media (A4-0191/98),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 371, 8.12.1997, p. 26.

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

COMMON POSITION
OF THE COUNCIL

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 1)

Part I(A), second indent

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| <p>— to encourage and help higher education institutions to use appropriate measures, particularly quality assurance, as a means of improving the quality of teaching and learning <i>in a rapidly changing world</i>;</p> | <p>— to encourage and help higher education institutions to use appropriate measures, particularly quality assurance, as a means of improving the quality of teaching and learning, as well as of training in research, another important aspect of their task;</p> |
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6. Registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers ****I**

A4-0190/98

**Proposal for a Council Directive on registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers
(COM(97)0248 — C4-0423/97 — 97/0150(SYN))**

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION (*)

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 1)

Recital 8a (new)

Whereas this proposal is the first step towards more complete harmonization which would facilitate the task of the Member States' administrations and strengthen the administrative and legal position of individuals in a foreign Member State;

(Amendment 2)

Recital 8b (new)

Whereas efforts to combat vehicle fraud, which causes millions of citizens a great deal of hardship every year both directly and indirectly and which is increasing in many Member States, will be greatly aided by anti-fraud provisions in the registration certificate, without prejudice to the carrying out of repairs and modifications;

(*) OJ C 202, 2.7.1997, p. 13.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 3)

Article 8(1)

1. After consulting the Commission, Member States shall, before *1 July 1998*, adopt the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with the Directive as from *1 July 1999*.

1. After consulting the Commission, Member States shall, before **31 December 1998**, adopt the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to comply with the Directive as from **31 December 1999**.

(Amendment 4)

Article 8(3)

3. The Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive, and the models for registration certificates adopted in conformity with the provisions of Annexes I and II.

3. The Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive, and the models for registration certificates adopted in conformity with the provisions of Annexes I and II. **The Commission shall in turn communicate to the Member States all the models for registration certificates used by the national administrations.**

(Amendment 5)

*Annex I, Part I, Section V, R2a (new)***R2a — engine identification number**

(Amendment 6)

Annex I, Part I, Section VIIa (new)

VIIa. Part I of the registration certificate shall have the possibility to show details of anti-fraud security marking or codes which have been placed on the vehicle and its parts.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive on registration documents for motor vehicles and their trailers (COM(97)0248 — C4-0423/97 — 97/0150(SYN))

(Cooperation procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0248 — 97/0150(SYN) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 189c of the EC Treaty (C4-0423/97),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A4-0190/98),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 202, 2.7.1997, p. 13.

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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. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

7. Fifth framework programme ****I/***

A4-0188/98

I.

Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results for the implementation of the fifth framework programme of the European Community (1998 to 2002) (COM(97)0587/2 — C4-0015/98 — 97/0309(SYN))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION (*)

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 3)

Article 4(2a) (new)

2a. Indirect RTD actions may be performed by a cluster of SMEs and one large enterprise, one or more of which may be established in different EU Member States or in an associated State.

(Amendment 4)

Article 5(2a) (new)

2a. Particularly in the case of highly innovative and rapidly changing innovative projects, such as the information society technology projects, an exception may be made to the rule that an enterprise must have been operational for at least one year in order to be eligible for EU financing. In that case, it shall be sufficient for newly established enterprises to submit a description of the CVs and experience of the staff.

(*) OJ C 40, 7.2.1998, p. 14.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 5)

Article 8(1), first indent

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| <p>— when filing its proposal for an indirect RTD action, have at least the potential resources needed for carrying it out,</p> | <p>— when filing its proposal for an indirect RTD action, have at least the potential resources needed for carrying it out, with the proviso that in the case of highly innovative projects in a rapidly changing market, the advance financing of the project by a consortium must never continue for longer than six months,</p> |
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(Amendment 6)

Article 9(1)

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| <p>1. Indirect RTD actions other than accompanying measures shall be the subject of calls for proposals published in the Official Journal of the European Communities. <i>The calls for proposals may be preceded by a call for expressions of interest of an informative nature.</i></p> | <p>1. Indirect RTD actions other than accompanying measures shall be the subject of calls for proposals published in the Official Journal of the European Communities and made available electronically.</p> |
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(Amendment 8)

Article 10(4a) and (4b) (new)

4a. During the preparatory stage, after submission of the project on the basis of the call by the Commission, the consortium partners may already negotiate with one another about legal and contractual obligations in order to avoid wasting time.

4b. If, after approval of the contract establishing the consortium by the Commission, the consortium partners are unable to sign the definitive contract within four months, the Commission shall withdraw approval and the consortium shall resubmit its application under the procedure for the next call.

(Amendment 9)

Article 10(4c) (new)

4c. The interval between the deadline for submitting projects and the decision on their eligibility must not exceed four months.

(Amendment 10)

Article 11(3), third subparagraph (ba) (new)

(ba) fixed composite rates to cover some or all of the usual resources for carrying out RTD. The definition of these rates shall take account of differences between types of legal entities and activities within Member States and, where available and appropriate, of national rates applicable to similar activities.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 11)

Article 12, second paragraph (new)

The contract shall also lay down what contribution the consortium must make to the dissemination and use of the research results secured. The contract shall also stipulate the output criteria with which a project must comply. For highly innovative projects carried out in a rapidly changing market, it shall also stipulate how the project can be altered while in progress if there are grounds for such alteration, without the approval procedure having to be repeated.

(Amendment 12)

Article 15(2), second subparagraph

As a general rule, knowledge resulting from work carried out under indirect RTD actions *the full* cost of which is *not* borne by the Community shall be the property of the contractors who have carried out the work, including, where applicable, the Community, pursuant to Article 7.

As a general rule, knowledge resulting from work carried out under indirect RTD actions **up to 50% of the** cost of which is borne by the Community shall be the property of the contractors who have carried out the work, including, where applicable, the Community, pursuant to Article 7.

(Amendment 13)

Article 20(2), (3) and (3a) (new)

2. The technological implementation plan *shall* reflect the broad outlines of the dissemination and use plan *evaluated along with the original proposal, presented to the Commission, for participating in indirect RTD actions. Its contents shall be assessed with regard to the interests of the Community and of the contractors.*

3. The contractors shall inform the Commission of any action taken on this technological implementation plan. They shall justify any subsequent change in the plan.

2. The technological implementation plan **should in principle** reflect the broad outlines of the dissemination and use plan, **but may, particularly in the case of highly innovative projects carried out in a rapidly changing market, be adjusted in the light of changes in circumstances.**

3. The contractors shall inform the Commission of any action taken on this technological implementation plan. They shall justify any subsequent change in the plan.

3a. In drawing up the dissemination and use plan, account shall also be taken of the possibility of making the data available electronically and thereby moreover encouraging mutual communication among users.

(Amendment 14)

Article 22

The detailed rules for applying Articles 4, 8, 11 and 14 to 20 shall be drawn up in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 23.

The detailed rules for applying Articles 4, 8, 11, 14 to 20 **and 22a** shall be drawn up in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 23.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 15)

*Article 22a (new)***Article 22a****Protection of the Communities' financial interests and measures to combat fraud**

1. Before conclusion of a contract, the Commission shall always check whether the contracting party (project participant) is reliable and may reject contractors deemed to be unreliable; where doubts arise concerning reliability, the contracting party shall be rejected. No payments may be made to contracting parties under research contracts in so far as and for so long as the latter remain in default with regard to the fulfilment of financial obligations to the Community.

2. If during the financial inspections serious failings or accounting or contractual irregularities are found, the Commission shall use its discretionary power/duty to suspend payment of instalments to the project in question and not to finance any further participation by the undertaking concerned until the inspection procedure has been completed; in the event of serious violations, no further payment may be made in respect of unfulfilled obligations; the contracting party concerned shall be debarred from further participation in Community research programmes.

3. The protection of the Communities' financial interests shall be ensured pursuant to Regulation (EC, Euratom) 2988/95 on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests ⁽¹⁾;

4. The Commission may impose administrative penalties on contractors which fail to comply with the financial provisions, pursuant to Regulation (EC, Euratom) 2988/95.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1.

(Amendment 16)

*Article 23a (new)***Article 23a****Facilitating participation in projects**

Infodesk shall be set up to help provide contractors from the Member States of the Community with all necessary information on programmes in the Community languages.

(Amendment 17)

*Article 23b (new)***Article 23b****Information**

The Commission shall use computer technologies such as websites to provide full information in all Community

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languages concerning expressions of interest and invitations to tender; it shall take all necessary measures, including the use of specific brochures and the setting up of an administrative assistance unit, to ensure that information on the programme rules is readily available to interested SMEs, research centres and universities.

(Amendment 18)

*Article 23c (new)***Article 23c****Reasoned decisions**

The Commission shall undertake to provide in writing substantive, detailed reasons for acceptance or rejection.

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(Cooperation procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council, COM(97)0587/2 — 97/0309(SYN) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 189c and 130o, second paragraph, of the EC Treaty (C4-0015/98),
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy and the opinion of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media (A4-0188/98),
1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. 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;
 4. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 40, 7.2.1998, p. 14.

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Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the implementation of the fifth framework programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) (1998 to 2002) (COM(97)0587/2 – C4-0016/98 – 97/0310(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION (*)

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 19)

Article 3(2a) (new)

2a. Indirect RTDT actions may be performed by a cluster of SMEs and one large enterprise one or more of which may be established in different EU Member States or in an associated State.

(Amendment 21)

Article 7(1), first indent

— when filing its proposal for an indirect RTDT action, have at least the potential resources needed for carrying it out;

— when filing its proposal for an indirect RTDT action, have at least the potential resources needed for carrying it out, **with the proviso that in the case of highly innovative projects in a rapidly changing market, the advance financing of the project by a consortium must never continue for longer than six months;**

(Amendment 22)

Article 8(1), first subparagraph

1. As a general rule, indirect RTDT actions other than accompanying measures shall be the subject of calls for proposals, to be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities. *The calls for proposals may, where appropriate, be preceded by a call for expressions of interest of an informative nature.*

1. As a general rule, indirect RTDT actions other than accompanying measures shall be the subject of calls for proposals, to be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities **and made available electronically.**

(Amendment 23)

Article 8(3), second subparagraph (new)

All cooperation agreements of this kind shall be submitted to the European Parliament.

(*) OJ C 40, 7.2.1998, p. 22.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 24)

Article 9(3a) and (3b) (new)

3a. During the preparatory stage, after submission of the project on the basis of the call by the Commission, the consortium partners may already negotiate with one another about legal and contractual obligations in order to avoid wasting time.

3b. If, after approval of the contract establishing the consortium by the Commission, the consortium partners are unable to sign the definitive contract within 4 months, the Commission shall withdraw approval and the consortium shall resubmit its application under the procedure for the next call.

(Amendment 25)

Article 9(3c) (new)

3c. The interval between the deadline for submitting projects and the decision on their eligibility must not exceed four months;

(Amendment 26)

Article 10(3), third subparagraph (ba) (new)

(ba) fixed composite rates to cover some or all of the usual resources for carrying out RTDT. The definition of these rates shall take account of differences between types of legal entities and activities within Member States, and, where available and appropriate, of national rates applicable to similar activities.

(Amendment 27)

Article 11, second paragraph (new)

The contract shall also lay down what contribution the consortium must make to the dissemination and use of the research results secured. The contract shall also stipulate the output criteria with which a project must comply. For highly innovative projects carried out in a rapidly changing market, it shall also stipulate how the project can be altered while in progress if there are grounds for such alteration, without the approval procedure having to be repeated.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 28)

Article 13

The Commission shall lay down the detailed rules for applying Articles 3, 7 and 10.

The Commission shall lay down the detailed rules for applying Articles 3, 7, 10 **and 13c**.

(Amendment 29)

*Article 13a (new)***Article 13a****Facilitating participation in projects**

Infodesks shall be set up to help provide contractors from the Member States of the Community with all necessary information on programmes in the Community languages.

(Amendment 30)

*Article 13b (new)***Article 13b****Information**

The Commission shall use computer technologies such as websites to provide full information in all Community languages concerning expressions of interest and invitations to tender; it shall take all necessary measures, including the use of specific brochures and the setting up of an administrative assistance unit, to ensure that information on the programme rules is readily available to interested SMEs, research centres and universities.

(Amendment 32)

*Article 13c (new)***Article 13c****Protection of the Communities' financial interests and measures to combat fraud**

1. Before conclusion of a contract, the Commission shall always check whether the contracting party (project participant) is reliable and may reject contractors deemed to be unreliable; where doubts arise concerning reliability, the contracting party shall be rejected. No payments may be made to contracting parties under research contracts in so far as and for so long as the latter remain in default with regard to the fulfilment of financial obligations to the Community.

2. If during the financial inspections serious failings or accounting or contractual irregularities are found, the

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Commission shall use its discretionary power/duty to suspend payment of instalments to the project in question and not to finance any further participation by the undertaking concerned until the inspection procedure has been completed; in the event of serious violations, no further payment may be made in respect of unfulfilled obligations; the contracting party concerned shall be debarred from further participation in Community research programmes.

3. The protection of the Communities' financial interests shall be ensured pursuant to Regulation (EC, Euratom) 2988/95 on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests⁽¹⁾;

4. The Commission may impose administrative penalties on contractors which fail to comply with the financial provisions, pursuant to Regulation (EC, Euratom) 2988/95.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 312, 23.12.1995, p. 1.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the implementation of the fifth framework programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) (1998 to 2002) (COM(97)0587/2 — C4-0016/98 — 97/0310(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0587/2 — 97/0310(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council (C4-0016/98),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy (A4-0188/98),

1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 119, second paragraph of the Euratom Treaty;
3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 40, 7.2.1998, p. 22.

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8. Consultation of European Central Bank on draft legislative provisions *

A4-0195/98

Proposal for a Council Decision on the consultation of the European Central Bank by national authorities on draft legislative provisions (COM(97)0725 — C4-0147/98 — 98/0056(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 1)

Recital 3

(3) Whereas *this obligation on the authorities of the Member States to consult the ECB shall not prejudice the responsibility of these authorities for the matters which are the subject of such provision; whereas Member States shall consult the ECB on any draft legislation in its field of competence in accordance with Article 105(4) of the Treaty; whereas the list of particular areas included in Article 2 of this Decision is not exhaustive; whereas the sixth indent of Article 2 of this Decision is without prejudice to the present assignment of competences for policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions and the stability of the financial system;*

(3) Whereas **matters falling within the field of competence of the ECB shall normally be the subject of Regulation at Community level; whereas they may not be the subject of new national Regulation except where urgently necessary and subject to prior approval by the competent Community authorities (ECB or Commission); whereas existing national regulations concerning the ECB's fields of competence must be the subject of gradual harmonization at Community level to the extent that such harmonization will enable the advantages of EMU to be maximized to the benefit of all concerned;**

(Amendment 2)

Article 2

1. The authorities of the Member States shall *consult the ECB on any draft legislative provision within its field of competence* pursuant to the Treaty and in particular on:

- currency matters,
- means of payment,
- national central banks,
- the collection, compilation and dissemination of monetary, financial, banking, payment systems and balance of payments statistics,
- payment and settlement systems,
- rules applicable to financial institutions in so far as they materially influence the stability of financial institutions and markets.

2. *In addition to the above paragraph, the authorities of Member States other than participating Member States shall consult the ECB on any draft legislative provisions on the instruments of monetary policy.*

3. *The ECB shall, immediately on receipt of any draft legislative provision, notify the consulting authority whether, in its option, such provision is within its field of competence.*

The authorities of the Member States shall **as a general rule refrain from drawing up new rules or regulations relating to matters falling within the field of competence of the ECB** pursuant to the Treaty and in particular on:

- currency matters,
- means of payment,
- national central banks,
- the collection, compilation and dissemination of monetary, financial, banking, payment systems and balance of payments statistics,
- payment and settlement systems,
- rules applicable to financial institutions in so far as they materially influence the stability of financial institutions and markets.

Such matters shall normally be the subject of gradual harmonization at Community level in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Treaties.

Where, for reasons of imperative necessity, the authorities of the Member States consider it essential to adopt new national rules and regulations relating to those same matters, they shall seek the opinion of the ECB and, on receipt thereof, shall undertake to take it into consideration.

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BY PARLIAMENT

The same shall apply regarding draft rules and regulations relating to matters liable to have an impact on monetary policy or on monetary policy instruments.

(Amendment 3)

Article 4

Each Member State shall take the measures necessary to ensure effective compliance with this Decision. To that end, it shall ensure that the ECB is consulted at an appropriate stage enabling the authority initiating the draft legislative provision to have the ECB's opinion before taking its decision on the substance and that the opinion received from the ECB is brought to the knowledge of the adopting authority if the latter is an authority other than that which has prepared the legislative provisions concerned.

Each Member State shall take the measures necessary to ensure effective compliance with this Decision. To that end, it shall ensure that the ECB is consulted at an appropriate stage enabling the authority initiating the draft legislative provision to have the ECB's opinion before taking its decision on the substance and that the opinion received from the ECB is brought to the knowledge of the adopting authority if the latter is an authority other than that which has prepared the legislative provisions concerned. **It shall also ensure that the opinion delivered by the ECB is taken into consideration and, where that is not done, shall justify that omission.**

(Amendment 4)

*Article 4a (new)***Article 4a**

Where the national authorities have not consulted the ECB, or, having consulted it, have not taken its opinion into consideration, or, not having taken its opinion into consideration, have failed to supply any explanation, the ECB shall notify its opinion or its opposition to the Member State concerned and to the Commission.

The latter shall have one month to propose a solution. During that period, the Member State concerned shall suspend implementation of the rule or Regulation.

If the solution proposed by the Commission is not accepted by the Member State concerned, the question shall be decided by the Council of Ministers acting by a qualified majority.

**Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision on the consultation of the European Central Bank by national authorities on draft legislative provisions
(COM(97)0725 — C4-0147/98 — 98/0056(CNS))**

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0725 — 98/0056(CNS),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 105(4) and 106(6) of the EC Treaty (C4-0147/98),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (A4-0195/98),

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1. Approves the Commission proposal subject to Parliament's amendments;
2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and the Commission.

9. Production of potato starch *

A4-0163/98

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 establishing a quota system in relation to the production of potato starch (COM(97)0576 — C4-0045/98 — 97/0300(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSION (*)

AMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 1)

Recital 1a (new)

Whereas in assessing politically the support system for the potato starch sector, account must be taken of the fact that starch potatoes are one of the crops of fundamental importance for the social and economic situation of certain regions as regards the income of the growers concerned and also as regards related employment; whereas, therefore, a specific Regulation, in addition to the cereals Regulation, is still justified for this sector;

(Amendment 2)

Recital 1b (new)

Whereas in the support system for the potato starch sector account must be taken of the need to ensure a balance between the starches derived from the different raw materials, as has always been the basic principle of Community starch regulations;

(¹) OJ C 369, 6.12.1997, p. 19.

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BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 3)

Recital 4a (new)

Whereas the importance of the growing of other potato varieties for consumption, in terms of the area used and the number of producers, must be taken into account; whereas, however, the potato as a vegetable is still not regulated by a COM; whereas, given the social implications of potato growing and the cyclical variations in production and marketing, certain support measures should be introduced for producers growing potatoes for consumption;

(Amendment 5)

*ARTICLE 1a (new)**Article 5 (Regulation (EC) No 1868/94)***Article 1a**

Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 shall be replaced by the following:

‘Article 5

For the 1998/99, 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 marketing years, a premium per tonne of starch produced shall be allocated to undertakings producing potato starch, in respect of the quantity of potato starch covered by the quota referred to in Article 2(1), provided they have paid the potato producers the minimum price referred to in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 in respect of the total quantity of potatoes needed to produce starch up to the ceiling laid down in the quota.’

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament’s opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 establishing a quota system in relation to the production of potato starch (COM(97)0576 — C4-0045/98 — 97/0300(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0576 — 97/0300(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 42 and 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0045/98),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A4-0163/98),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 369, 6.12.1997, p. 19.

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1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.
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10. Role of Union in world: implementation of CFSP

A4-0169/98

Resolution on the role the Union in the world: implementation of the common foreign and security policy for 1997

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article J.7 of the Treaty on European Union,
 - having regard to Rules 92(4) and 148 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to its resolution of 12 June 1997 on progress in implementing the common foreign and security policy (January to December 1996) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Amsterdam Treaty and its resolution of 19 November 1997 on the Amsterdam Treaty (CONF 4007/97 — C4-0538/97) ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on provisions regarding financing of the Common Foreign and Security Policy ⁽³⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council on 30 March 1998 on the Council Document on the main aspects and basic choices of CFSP, including implications for the Communities' budget (7087/98 — C4-0216/98),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy and the opinion of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (A4-0169/98),
- A. whereas, in accordance with Article J.7, second paragraph, of the TEU, Parliament is required to hold an annual debate on progress in implementing the common foreign and security policy,
- B. having regard to the objectives of that policy as set out in Article J.1 of the TEU, to the provisions of Article C relating to the consistency of the Union's external activities as a whole, and to the responsibility of the Council and Commission for this broad area,
- C. having regard to the use which the European Council and the Council have made of the tools provided in the TEU, especially joint actions and common positions, and the provisions of Article J.4(1) on a future common security policy,
- D. noting that the real instruments of the CFSP, joint actions and common positions, are still not very frequently used, although they are needed to back up the many declarations issued by the Council,
- E. whereas important challenges have emerged and new crises have broken out requiring stronger and more effective action by the EU in the field of conflict prevention and the peaceful settlement of conflicts,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 200, 30.6.1997, p. 148.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 371, 8.12.1997, p. 99.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 286, 22.9.1997, p. 80.

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- F. pointing out that new efforts should be made to give better visibility to the external actions of the EU,
 - G. emphasizing that the external relations of the EU should be consistent with the values on which the EU itself has been founded with a view to consolidating democracy, enhancing respect for human and minority rights and promoting the rule of law,
 - H. whereas there is now an interinstitutional agreement on financing the CFSP but still none on Parliament's right to be informed and consulted, which is particularly serious in the case of international negotiations, including negotiations on bilateral and multilateral trade agreements,
 - I. whereas Parliament must constantly review its own role and conduct with regard to the CFSP in order to maximize its impact and increase democratic control over the CFSP,
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- 1. Considers that, while developments in the CFSP show some progress in comparison with previous years, the criticisms made in its aforementioned resolution of 12 June 1997 remain very largely valid; notes, however, that there has been progress in the wider field of foreign policy, as shown by the democratic consolidation in central and eastern Europe and the partnership agreement with Russia;
 - 2. Notes that it remains true that
 - (a) there was a lack of public perception of progress in developing a European foreign policy,
 - (b) there was no interinstitutional agreement on Parliament's right to be informed and consulted,
 - (c) the Commission still did not make full use of its right to submit proposals to the Council,
 - (d) progress in developing a common security policy, coordinating defence policies, developing a genuine common armaments policy and incorporating the WEU into the EU remained slight,
 - (e) mismatch between the EU's foreign policy and trading activities remained;
 - 3. Recalls that, by virtue of the Interinstitutional Agreement on provisions regarding financing of the Common Foreign and Security Policy, the Presidency of the Council is committed, on a yearly basis, to consult the European Parliament on a document established by the Council on the main aspects and basic choices of the CFSP, including the financial implications for the Communities' budget;
 - 4. Regrets that the first such report submitted by the Presidency confines itself to a virtually entirely historical and narrative approach, providing no analysis of the efficacy of the CFSP in the previous year nor any real indication of basic choices to be made in the future and calls on the Council to ensure that next year's report is expanded to cover these issues fully;
 - 5. Resolves to deal fully with the financial implications of the main aspects and basic choices of the CFSP in the ad hoc concertation procedure set up pursuant to the Interinstitutional Agreement;
 - 6. Considers that proper procedures for dealing with, inter alia, the following issues must be established and enshrined in Parliament's Rules of Procedure now being revised to meet the demands of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam:
 - (a) the undertaking by the President-in-Office of the Council ⁽¹⁾ on behalf of the Council to keep Parliament fully informed (by both Council and Commission) on the major aspects and developments concerning the accession partnerships established with countries applying for admission to the European Union and the accession negotiations themselves, to consult Parliament on any modifications to the partnerships and to take Parliament's views into account in reaching its decisions,
 - (b) the wider and more flexible application of the conciliation procedure under the Joint Declaration of 4 March 1975 applicable to Community acts of general application which have appreciable financial implications,

⁽¹⁾ PE 226.288 and Minutes of 11.3.1998, Part I, Item 4.

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- (c) an interinstitutional agreement, as yet to be established, providing for consultation of Parliament on all international agreements and other general acts based on the Euratom Treaty,
 - (d) Parliament's involvement in decisions on the penalties to be imposed in the event of human rights violations in third countries;
7. Considers that the full implementation of the Amsterdam Treaty should address some of these criticisms through the creation of the policy planning and early warning unit and of the office of High Representative, which will increase the visibility of the CFSP, as well as by allowing some foreign policy decisions to be taken by majority voting;
8. Calls on the Council and the Member States to mobilize the necessary political commitment for the use and development of the instruments offered by the Treaties of Maastricht and Amsterdam, with a view to creating a genuine common foreign and security policy;
9. Recognizes that the CFSP as it currently exists limits Europe's ability to have the influence that its political, economic and cultural weight deserves;
10. Considers it essential as a matter of urgency to create a genuine common European diplomacy, transforming the Commission representations into proper diplomatic representations of the Union in those countries where the majority of Member States are not fully represented;
11. Calls on the Council and Commission to maintain human rights as a prominent part of the CFSP;
12. Stresses that human rights and democracy clauses should be included in all agreements with third parties, to contribute to the protection of democracy and fundamental freedoms;
13. Points out that actions under the CFSP have tended to be very narrowly focussed and CFSP instruments seem to be unable to define comprehensive policies in areas of general interest such as poverty and the environment;
14. Urges the EU, in consultation with the WEU and NATO, to make all practical arrangements to ensure that in future speedy and efficient use can be made of the available instruments, including the combined joint task forces (CJTF);
15. Stresses that, in merely providing the Parliament with certain information on foreign policy issues from time to time, the Council and Commission are far from fulfilling their treaty obligations and their duties towards the citizens of the Union and calls yet again for Parliament to be formally consulted on the basic choices of all foreign policy;
16. Welcomes the fact that a code of conduct on arms exports has been approved by the Council but considers it important that it should, as soon as possible, be turned into a joint action and provide for scrutiny by the European Parliament on the basis of the consolidated annual report to the Council on the implementation of the code;
17. Points out that, when the Multilateral Agreement on Investment was being negotiated, it took the initiative of giving its opinion *ex officio* before the agreement was concluded; regards this as a precedent which should be frequently emulated, and enjoins the Council and Commission to abide by its recommendations;
18. Asserts its right to deliver a detailed opinion giving the Commission guidelines for the negotiation of bilateral and multilateral agreements, in accordance with the last subparagraph of Article 228(2) as amended by the Amsterdam Treaty; draws attention to the precedents for this and calls for compulsory involvement of Parliament in this way in future;
19. Considers that Parliament itself must develop the variety of mechanisms of influence at its disposal, such as recommendations, the intelligent use of hearings, the award of the Sakharov Prize and invitations to address the plenary; notes that a genuine development of parliamentary diplomacy, such as the recent European Parliament mission to Algeria, or its joint mission to Albania with representatives of the Parliamentary Assemblies of the OSCE and the Council of Europe in January 1998, could contribute significantly to the effectiveness of the Union's external policy and calls therefore for better coordination and cooperation between Council, Commission and Parliament to achieve maximum benefit from this;

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20. Deplores the lack of ambition in defining an overall policy through a common position on the Balkans, which has meant that, despite its considerable financial contribution to the post-war reconstruction of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the political impact of the EU has been very limited compared to that of the USA; calls for the representation office of the European Commission to Bosnia-Herzegovina to be strengthened;
21. Deplores the lack of adequate initiatives on Kosovo at EU level during 1997, where no real efforts were made to suggest confidence-building measures or to achieve the opening of negotiations between the parties;
22. Regrets that neither the EU nor the WEU were able to take the decision to send the Eurofor and Euromarfor to Albania and notes that the situation there was defused thanks to the intervention of a number of Member States, spearheaded by Italy, leading a multinational force (operation 'Alba');
23. Regrets that the important impulse given to Mediterranean policy by the European Council of Cannes and the Barcelona Conference has been slowed down by the lack of progress in the Middle East peace process and calls for a strong initiative from the Council to revitalize the Barcelona process;
24. Supports the work of the EU Special Envoy in the Middle East, and considers that the Union should play a political role in keeping with its economic weight; believes that an effective Community policy in the region calls for a serious dialogue with the USA;
25. Welcomes the adoption of a common position on the prevention and resolution of conflicts in Africa but stress that this is but the first step in working effectively with the African countries themselves to resolve outstanding problems such as those in the Great Lakes area;
26. Views as most serious the continued presence of nuclear weapons in the Indian subcontinent which poses a threat to international stability, and regrets that the lack of a genuine common EU policy on security prevents the Union from playing a political role in the establishment of a dialogue on the strategic balance between the countries in the region;
27. Deplores the absence of any common policy on human rights in China, where no significant improvement took place, clearly shown by the EU's failure to agree on a joint line to be taken at the meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva;
28. Welcomes the important role played by the Union in the San José Conferences and the Rio Group, in ministerial meetings with various Latin American countries; expresses its full support for the summit of European and Latin American heads of state and government to be held in 1999; reiterates its desire to establish a global action programme with Latin America, in line with the growing importance and influence of the region;
29. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

11. Situation in South Africa

B4-0570, 0571, 0572, 0573, 0574 and 0578/98

Resolution on South Africa

The European Parliament,

- having regard to previous resolutions on South Africa and on the state of bilateral negotiations on future relations between South Africa and the European Union,
- A. recalling the negotiations pursued by the European Union and South Africa for three years designed to lead to the creation of a free-trade area in the context of a bilateral trade, cooperation and development agreement,

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- B. whereas the latest round of negotiations, held in Brussels on 23 and 24 April 1998, allowed some progress on the separate agreement relating to wine and spirits, and on some of the trade-related and customs-related aspects,
 - C. regretting that the latest round of negotiations could not make any significant progress on the trade aspect and on the conditions for establishing the proposed free-trade area,
 - D. mindful of the important implications the outcome of the negotiations will have for peace and stability, job creation and sustainable development in South Africa and the Southern African region,
 - E. recalling that agreements reached between South Africa and the EU will have important consequences for South Africa's neighbours in both the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and for the forthcoming negotiations between the EU and all ACP States,
 - F. whereas any agreement should contribute towards regional integration and balanced development in Southern Africa and should facilitate trade, investment and economic growth in South Africa,
 - G. noting that both sides have agreed the principle that any agreement should be asymmetrical in terms of both its timing and content,
 - H. whereas the current EU trade offer excludes *a priori* over 45% of South African agricultural products from any tariff dismantlement agreed with the European Union,
 - I. whereas the Commission undertook to evaluate the repercussions of the agreement on the SACU region,
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- 1. Welcomes the progress made so far in the negotiations, in particular relating to South Africa's qualified accession to the Lomé Convention, and on the less problematic facets of the future bilateral agreement, especially as regards non-commercial issues, the progress on the general objectives and the principles of the agreement including political dialogue;
 - 2. Reaffirms its commitment to a far-reaching trade, cooperation and development agreement between South Africa and the European Union and its will to contribute to the rapid conclusion of an agreement which is satisfactory for all the parties;
 - 3. Urges the negotiating parties to come to a rapid and equitable agreement on the issues which remain open in order to meet the deadline of mid-1998 for the conclusion of the negotiations;
 - 4. Believes that it is imperative that South Africa should be granted equitable terms of access to the European Union;
 - 5. Urges the European Union to reduce the scope of the agricultural exclusion lists and to adopt a more flexible approach to any products it fails to remove altogether from them; in particular, encourages the European Union to explore the possibility of reviewing the status of the exclusion list at regular intervals, so that exclusions are not permanent and future tariff reductions can be considered; also encourages it to incorporate seasonally adjusted tariff reductions into the list, and, in some instances, to consider tariff reductions within specified quotas;
 - 6. Calls on the Commission to ensure that South Africa's development needs are taken into account before any agreement is concluded, in line with its longstanding commitment to assist the new South Africa;
 - 7. Calls on the Commission to discuss potential measures which address regional concerns and to take into account the potential consequences for the Southern African region of any agreement between the European Union and South Africa;
 - 8. Calls on the Commission to provide the European Parliament and the ACP-EU Joint Assembly with the results of the study on the impact of the agreement on the SACU region;
 - 9. Further calls on the Commission to consult urgently with SACU and SADC members and propose measures to address their concerns in order to maintain trade stability in the region;

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10. Confirms its view that the European Programme for Reconstruction and Development (EPRD) continues to make a valuable contribution to the development process now taking place in South Africa; believes that this programme should continue after 1999 so that the work already undertaken under the current EPRD can be built upon and asks the Commission to bring before Parliament a proposal for a successor agreement;
11. Calls on the Commission to clarify the application of the Lomé Convention rules of origin to South Africa;
12. Calls on the Commission to bring forward specific proposals to compensate the BLNS countries (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland) for loss of customs revenue accruing from the common external tariff applicable under SACU;
13. Calls on the Commission and on South Africa to ensure that the overall impact of the agreement on the ACP States, and in particularly on the SADC region, is positive;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments of the Member States and the Government of South Africa.

12. Broad guidelines of economic policies

A4-0193/98

Resolution on the Commission's Recommendation for the Broad Guidelines of the Economic Policies of the Member States and the Community (drawn up in conformity with Article 103 (2) of the Treaty establishing the European Community) (COM(98)0279 — C4-0291/98)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's Recommendation (COM(98)0279 — C4-0291/98),
 - having regard to the resolution of the European Council on the Stability and Growth Pact adopted in Amsterdam on 17 June 1997 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the resolution of the European Council on growth and employment adopted in Amsterdam on 16 June 1997 ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the resolution of the European Council of 12 and 13 December 1997 on the coordination of economic policies during stage three of EMU and to Articles 109 and 109b of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the resolution of the European Parliament of 30 April 1998 ⁽³⁾ on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on 'Growth and Employment in the Stability-Oriented Framework of EMU — Economic policy reflections in view of the forthcoming 1998 Broad Guidelines' (Annual Economic Report),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (A4-0193/98),
- A. whereas the Commission's Recommendation sets out clearly the main policy priorities of high employment and a successful EMU,
- B. whereas the Commission's Recommendation confirms that price stability is an essential requirement for realising sustained medium-term growth and draws attention to the fact that the Community has now achieved price stability in a sustainable manner,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 236, 2.8.1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 236, 2.8.1997, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ See Minutes of that Sitting, Part II, Item 21.

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- C. whereas the Commission's Recommendation reiterates the growth and stability-oriented strategy recommended in previous guidelines as the appropriate macro-economic policy mix,
- D. whereas the Commission's Recommendation urges Member States participating in the Single Currency to achieve a balanced macro-economic policy to take account of the need for convergence to a single interest rate and to a lesser extent convergence of exchange rates to the pre-announced bilateral exchange rates in the period up to 1 January 1999,
- E. whereas the Commission's Recommendation sets out general guidelines to be followed at Community level and at individual country level in terms of maintaining sound and efficient public finances,
- F. whereas the Commission's Recommendation urges Member States not participating in the Single Currency to treat their exchange rates as a matter of common interest,
- G. whereas the Commission's Recommendation sets out general rules for wage developments both in Single Currency participating and in non-participating Member States to achieve an employment-friendly policy mix, and encourages a regular dialogue between the social partners and the authorities responsible for budgetary and monetary policies,
- H. whereas the Commission indicates that structural policies have a role to play in fostering economic growth, restoring competitiveness and raising employment levels, and that EMU is likely to act as a catalyst for structural reform,
- I. whereas in order to safeguard and promote the EC's competitiveness, employment and living standards in a world of free trade and constant change, it is essential that Member States and the Community as a whole intensify their efforts to improve the efficiency of product, service, and capital markets,
- J. whereas the Commission's Recommendation is that solving the Community's unemployment and non-employment problem requires a simultaneous and comprehensive modernisation of the Community's labour markets,

High employment and a successful EMU

- 1. Welcomes the emphasis placed by the Commission on the priority which should be afforded to a high level and rate of growth of employment on the one hand and on the other hand the successful implementation of an EMU with a policy mix favourable to economic growth and employment, including a monetary policy conducive to investment-led growth;
- 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to establish an effective parallelism between the processes leading to approval of the employment and the macroeconomic guidelines, in order to ensure strong coordination between macroeconomic and structural measures, and to transform the expected sustained growth into significant job creation; urges in particular the competent services in the Commission and in the Council to improve their cooperation in the preparatory work and in the decision-making process;
- 3. Agrees that the low level of employment in the EU (about 60% of the working-age population) is a source of large social, economic, and budgetary costs, and moreover represents a wasted growth potential beyond the growth coming from labour productivity;
- 4. Reiterates the view that accompanying structural policies and reforms are required to assist and cumulatively enhance the above investment in order to reinforce competitiveness and to make the growth more respectful of the environment;

Price stability

- 5. Agrees that the present below 2% average inflation rate represents price stability, and points out that, provided inflation price stability can be maintained by appropriate economic policies in the Member States participating in the Single Currency, then at the euro-zone level monetary conditions can be set to achieve a high rate of investment-led growth;

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6. Agrees that it is equally important for those Member States not participating in the Single Currency to consolidate their attempts to achieve levels of inflation comparable with the euro-zone level, and in line with the relevant provisions of the EU Treaty, to ensure that these Member States are able to maintain stable exchange rates against the euro;

Growth and stability-oriented macroeconomic policy mix

7. Strongly supports the Commission's views that the more the stability task of monetary policy is facilitated by appropriate budgetary measures and wage developments, the more monetary conditions, including exchange rates and long-term interest rates, will be favourable to growth and employment;

8. Further strongly supports the Commission's view, also expressed recently by the Interim Committee of the Board of Governors of the IMF, that it will be important that economic growth in Europe be led increasingly by domestic demand;

9. Calls for more explicit coordination of national budgetary policies within the framework of the Broad Economic Guidelines, taking account also of Articles 104 to 104c of the EC Treaty, the provisions of the Stability and Growth Pact now being implemented following the Ecofin statement of 1 May 1998, and the need to achieve appropriate levels of private and public investment;

10. Draws attention to the absolute need for Member States not participating in the Single Currency to coordinate their macro-economic policies closely with those of the euro-zone Member States in order to protect the integrity of the Single Market and its further development;

11. Agrees strongly that while Member States not participating in EMU from the outset retain sovereignty over their national monetary policies it is, in accordance with the Treaty, imperative that they should treat their exchange rates as a matter of common interest, and, to that end, should agree some structural mechanism which ensures the necessary exchange rate stability with the euro;

12. Agrees that it is essential that monetary policy coordination between the Member States adopting the euro will need to intensify during the run-up to 1 January 1999 to ensure convergence of both interest rates and market exchange rates and urges also — in order to avoid market misperceptions — that all official statements should reiterate the views of the Commission, the EMI and the European Parliament on the economic strength of the 11 Member euro;

13. Welcomes the support of Ecofin for the coordination, via the Euro-x Council, of economic policies among the 11 countries adopting the Euro, while respecting the pre-eminence of Ecofin in relation to the overall coordination of economic policies;

14. Stresses the view that for all Member States it is important:

- to move towards budget balance, so enabling fiscal policy to preserve room for manoeuvre to deal with any shocks or cyclical disturbances, and to reassure economic agents that using deficits during a recessionary period will be temporary, so avoiding unnecessarily high interest rates,
- to use sound budgetary policies to keep long-term interest rates low thereby generating a 'crowding in' of private investment and avoiding the absorption of private savings,
- to maintain primary surpluses to ensure that, supported by higher economic growth, a sustained reduction in public debt levels is achieved,

15. Draws particular attention to the need to encourage further public and private investment through the various means at the disposal of public authorities in cooperation with the private sector, including the development of benchmarking tools for investment, public-private partnerships and the fostering of risk-capital practice throughout the Union;

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16. Points out that in recent years deficit reduction has been achieved in many instances by reductions in the 'soft targets' of public expenditure, i.e. research and development, essential infrastructure expenditure and social welfare payments. Hence, a rebalancing of budgets may mean that budget deficit reductions may not always be achieved by expenditure restraints except in countries where public expenditure has not been reduced and where taxes have been increased;

17. Considers that the Commission should launch a new initiative, addressed to the 15 Member States, to update the proposals put forward in the White Paper presented by Jacques Delors, focusing in particular on major works of European interest;

18. States that the overall level, and indeed the amount, of taxation is a matter for democratic decision in each Member State, having regard to the principle of subsidiarity;

Wage developments

19. Recalls the provisions of the abovementioned Amsterdam Resolution on 'Growth and Employment' which underlined the role of the social partners in achieving wage settlement while bearing in mind the need to reconcile wage settlement with high levels and rates of growth of employment, by ensuring that profitability is sufficient to facilitate investment, other necessary conditions having been achieved;

20. Encourages the social partners to agree wage policies which take into account the objective of price stability, the need to increase returns on investment and purchasing power, and with differentials reflecting differentials in productivity levels according to qualifications and skills, and sectors (particularly as between the services and manufacturing sectors);

21. Strongly supports the view that to achieve these objectives it is essential to construct and maintain a strong social dialogue at all appropriate levels, but particularly at Community and at national levels; such dialogue is an essential condition to ensure the success of the strengthened framework of economic policy coordination — including monetary and budgetary policies — at Council, Commission, European Parliament and ECB levels;

Structural policies for growth and employment

22. Agrees with the need to give priority to achieving structural reform in areas such as product and labour markets, social protection systems and taxation, and the benefits which will follow from a programme of mutually reinforcing structural measures — stimulated also by the advent of a properly functioning EMU — for both market efficiency and social cohesion;

23. Calls on the Member States urgently to implement the national employment plans and the measures contained in them; expects this implementation to mark a truly new start towards a European employment policy, using innovative strategies and measures, based *inter alia* on benchmarking and diffusion of best practices, and promoted at European, national and local levels; asks the Member States in particular to define the budgetary resources required to fulfil the objectives indicated in the plans;

24. Stresses the critical importance of active labour market measures combining vocational training, retraining or education with work experience or an apprenticeship, which could be financed partly through the activation of unemployment benefits and the development of local partnerships;

25. Calls on the Member States to put the four pillars of the employment guidelines on an equal footing, and to coordinate the policy objectives required to fulfil them; calls on both sides of industry to improve social dialogue and to find common ground on issues related in particular to the 'adaptability' pillar, such as labour market reforms and management;

26. Agrees with the emphasis placed in the Ecofin statement of 1 May 1998 on increasing productivity and investing in education and research and development;

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Product, services and capital markets

27. Supports the need for reforms to improve the functioning of the Single Market in order to create a genuine European home market, and believes that these reforms need to address in particular the failure of the majority of Member States to implement Single Market Directives;
28. Advocates wide publicity for the Single Market Action Plan and the six-monthly Single Market Scoreboard;
29. Agrees that in two areas, public procurement and mutual recognition, there is an urgent need to make faster progress;
30. Stresses that, following the conclusions of the Luxembourg European Council, policy coordination should strike a balance between Member States' fiscal sovereignty and the clear need for progress in the coordination of tax systems and rates to ensure the removal of all distortions of competition;
31. Argues that it is important in relation to supporting the Single Market, and also in relation to the challenges of globalization, to provide sufficient public and public/private investment in trans-European networks and national infrastructure projects, and to provide increased funding for research and development activities;
32. Supports the decentralization of anti-trust enforcement in the Community, on condition that national competition authorities harmonise their law and their enforcement practices to ensure the effective and equitable application of anti-trust rules throughout the Community; calls, in addition to the Community policies in the areas of anti-trust and competition, for measures to contribute to the development of similar policies at international level;
33. Supports the call for Member States to exert rigorous self-discipline in the provision of state aids, while recognizing the need to support restructuring efforts and for the provision of incentives for more efficient investment, particularly for environment-friendly technologies;
34. Supports the programmes at Community, national and regional level which are aimed at fostering the development of SMEs — in particular through favouring a culture of entrepreneurship — including the reduction of regulatory burdens and support programmes in the areas of seed, start and risk capital;
35. Welcomes the intention of financial institutions, corporation and Member State governments to use the new Euro speedily and actively in interbank markets, foreign exchange and capital markets, and urges that the national authorities take all the necessary measures to remove legal and financial obstacles to market integration;

Labour markets and investment in knowledge

36. Stresses that full emphasis should be placed on the employment union, outlined in the Amsterdam Treaty, as the essential partner of the economic and monetary union of the EU Treaty;
37. Urges that each of the four pillars of the Luxembourg employment guidelines — improving employability, developing entrepreneurship, encouraging the adaptability of businesses, and promoting equal opportunities — should be given equal emphasis;
38. Recognizes the emphasis in the broad guidelines on the need for simultaneous and comprehensive improvements in the structure and functioning of the Community's labour markets to accompany the capacity-enhancing, investment-led economic growth and fiscal stabilisation policies at macro-level;
39. Strongly supports the adoption of active labour market policies in all Member States, building on successful examples from within the Community;
40. Supports the Commission's call for the reduction of non-wage labour costs, which could be compensated by other fiscal reforms;

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41. Agrees that current welfare systems should not act as disincentives to employment while continuing to ensure an appropriate level of social protection, in particular to low-income working households;

42. Agrees with the need to avoid the 'double safety net' approach which in some countries not only protects employees by generous benefit systems, but at the same time goes beyond an adequate level of employment protection;

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43. Calls on the Ecofin Council to accept the Commission's recommendation for the Broad Economic Guidelines, as supported by this resolution;

44. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.

13. Estimates of revenue and expenditure of Parliament and Ombudsman for 1999

A4-0175/98

Resolution on the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament and the estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Ombudsman for the financial year 1999, and on a letter of amendment to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 1/98

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 2 April 1998 on the guidelines for the 1999 budgetary procedure ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 2 April 1998 on the adjustment of the financial perspective ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the Secretary-General's report,
- having regard to the preliminary draft estimates established by the Bureau on 31 March 1998 pursuant to Rules 22(5) and (6) and 165(1) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the provisions of the Financial Regulation, the declaration on the presentation of an analytical budget, and the interinstitutional conclusions on the rationalization of administrative expenditure ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to its decision of 9 March 1994 on the Regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, and in particular Article 11 thereof ⁽⁴⁾,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets (A4-0175/98),

I. GENERAL FRAMEWORK

1. Points out that the 1999 budgetary procedure is subject to the financial framework established by the 1993-1999 financial perspective in force;
2. Stresses that:
 - (a) the rate of increase in heading 5 of the financial perspective, Administrative expenditure, is 4%;

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 3(b).

⁽²⁾ Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 3(c).

⁽³⁾ OJ C 308, 20.11.1995, p. 127.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 113, 4.5.1994.

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- (b) complying with the recommendation of the political group chairmen of 14 November 1988 that Parliament's budget be set at a level corresponding to 20% of the appropriations earmarked for heading 5 could lead to authorization of an amount of up to ECU 944,6 million;
- (c) the amounts entered against the various budget lines take account of implementation of the 1996 and 1997 appropriations and must be utilized in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and, in particular, thrift and cost-effectiveness;
- (d) the limited increase in expenditure should meet the concern to maintain a degree of rigour comparable to that self-imposed by the Member States;
- (e) the official ECU-BF conversion rate for January 1998 used to calculate the appropriations requested is 40,7810, while the ECU-FF rate is 6,61349;
- (f) the rates taken for salary adjustments and average rate of inflation are 2,3% for 1998 and 2,5% for the financial year 1999;

3. Adopts Parliament's estimates for the financial year 1999 ⁽¹⁾, totalling ECU 916 102 484 in expenditure and ECU 53 812 374 in own resources, which correspond to an allocation of 19,40% of the volume for heading 5, Administrative expenditure; estimates the volume for re-use at ECU 3 802 280;

II. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

4. Stresses that the amendments made to the nomenclature improve presentation of expenditure and meet budget control and readability requirements ⁽²⁾; stresses that its budget will henceforth include an annex providing a breakdown of the main budget spending volumes by purpose while the detailed analysis by budget heading should be covered by a separate working document accompanying the Secretary-General's report to the members of the Bureau on the preliminary draft estimates;

III. MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION

5. Points out that 1999, when the euro will be introduced, will be marked by the close of the fourth parliamentary term, the cut-off point being the European elections in June 1999, the net overall impact of which is put at ECU 16,8 million;

6. Earmarks in this context, and in the light of the experience of the 1994 elections, the appropriations necessary for a parliamentary calendar comprising 11 ordinary part-sessions and six additional part-sessions, projects a Parliament turnover rate of 60% ⁽³⁾, and earmarks the appropriations for a neutral campaign of institutional information for the citizens of the Union ⁽⁴⁾;

7. Points out that, prior to the first reading of the 1999 budget, the Statute for Members Working Party should be submitting specific proposals which may have an impact on Parliament's budget, in particular the headings concerning Members of the European Parliament;

IV. STAFF IN ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT

8. Points out that, on 20 October 1997, its Bureau adopted the principles of the new staffing policy, the key components of which are recruitment based on the principle of non-discrimination with an increased age limit of 45 ⁽⁵⁾, mobility and redeployment for all officials, sustained professional training intended to be a vital component giving the Secretariat the requisite flexibility and adaptability, an overhaul of the promotions system, decentralization and delegation of management powers, and continuation of efforts to ensure equality of opportunity;

⁽¹⁾ See preliminary draft budget for 1999, Volume 2.

⁽²⁾ Article 19(2) of the Financial Regulation and Committee on Budgets working document PE 225.535.

⁽³⁾ Bureau decision of 14 January 1998.

⁽⁴⁾ This rate of 60% would take account of the rate recorded in 1994 plus a margin allowing an error probability rate of $\pm 3\%$.

⁽⁵⁾ This age limit rule to be reviewed after two years.

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9. Points out that, as a Community institution, the European Parliament is directly involved in the enlargement process which has been set in train and that it will therefore have to be given appropriate human resources;

10. Authorizes the appropriations for the creation of posts, upgradings, the award of ad personam grades and the other measures affecting the establishment plan as follows:

Secretariat:

- (a) the creation of 10 temporary posts (5 A7, 1 B5 and 4 C5) related to the enlargement process, it being understood that the grades indicated may be revised, prior to the first reading of the draft budget, on the basis of the job description submitted by the Secretary-General to the competent bodies;
- (b) the upgrading of 206 permanent posts: 5 A5 to A4, 4 A6 to A5, 11 A7 to A6, 12 B2 to B1, 12 B3 to B2, 12 B4 to B3, 25 B5 to B4, 38 C2 to C1, 9 C3 to C2, 19 C4 to C3, 11 C5 to C4, 25 D2 to D1, 5 D3 to D2, 1 LA4 to LA3, 11 LA5 to LA4 and 6 LA6 to LA5; enters the corresponding appropriations in Chapter 100 and invites the Secretary-General to submit a report defining all the rules governing the system of promotions based on merit, as required by the Staff Regulations;
- (c) the award of 5 ad personam grades: 4 C1 to B3, 1 D1 to C3;
- (d) the conversion of 2 A7 temporary posts into 2 A7 permanent posts assigned for the management of the new buildings in Brussels and Strasbourg;
- (e) the upgrading of 1 temporary half-time A7 post to a full-time A6 for the Medical Service in Brussels;
- (f) the conversion of 15 category D posts to category C;

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- (g) the upgrading of 17 temporary posts: 2A5 to A4, 4 A6 to A5, 2 A7 to A6, 1 B2 to B1, 1 B3 to B2, 1 B4 to B3, 2 C1 to B4, 3 C2 to C1 and 1 D3 to D2;

11. Would stress that

- (a) staff in grades other than A3, LA3, A2 and A1 whose service is terminated are replaced at the basic grade of the appropriate category; and that it is furthermore necessary to develop synergy between the political groups' temporary staff and the Secretariat on the basis of criteria to be defined by the competent authorities;
- (b) the upgrading of one LA4 post to LA3 concerns the Verbatim Report of Proceedings Division (DG I) with a view to the reorganization of the Minutes and Verbatim Report of Proceedings Divisions;
- (c) the conversion of posts from category D to C concerns posts for ushers who service meetings ⁽¹⁾;

12. Instructs the Secretary-General to submit a report, before the close of the 1999 budgetary procedure, on the measures actually taken with regard to restructuring the work of the parliamentary committees, taking into account the implications of the Treaty of Amsterdam and enlargement, systematic and structured cooperation between DG II and DG IV, the programme of exchanges of officials with national administrations or parliaments, and professional training;

13. Instructs the Secretary-General to produce an up-to-date assessment of Chapter 18 (Interinstitutional cooperation), indicating why fewer appropriations are required in the 1999 EP budget than in 1998;

V. MOVEMENTS IN APPROPRIATIONS

14. Notes that, because of the implementation of its building programme in Strasbourg and Brussels, building expenditure as from 1999 should fall by ECU 17,2 million;

15. Points out that this reduction is bound up with the decisions taken when the budgets in the present 1994-1999 parliamentary term were adopted and implemented, focusing on early repayment in respect of the buildings, and the beginnings of a policy of optimum occupancy of the buildings stock through enhanced interinstitutional cooperation ⁽²⁾; points out that the savings achieved through, in particular, repayment of the investment for the D1 and D2 buildings produce a margin for the financial year 1999 which is put at ECU 27 million;

⁽¹⁾ Bureau decision of 7 April 1997.

⁽²⁾ Surrendering of the Belliard and Van Maerlant Buildings to the ESC/CoR and the Commission respectively.

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16. Believes therefore that this policy must be continued, both for the Brussels buildings and those in Strasbourg, in the interests of confirming that identical legal and financial arrangements apply in the two working places and of continuing to generate, ultimately, real savings for the Union's budget;

17. In order to reduce further the share of Chapter 20 in the Institution's budgets in 1999 and following years, and taking account of the accommodation needs of the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee, proposes a letter of amendment to preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget 1/98, pursuant to Article 14 of the Financial Regulation, and in conformity with paragraph 29 of Parliament's 1998 budget resolution of 18 December 1997 ⁽¹⁾ and the recommendations of the Bureau of 11 May 1998;

18. Regards it as appropriate under the circumstances, in view of the margin not incorporated into the budget, to review the situation, including the uncertainties surrounding the handover of the IPE IV building in Strasbourg, during the first reading of the draft budget;

19. Points out that, for the financial year 1998, Chapter 100 (Provisional appropriations) includes appropriations for Chapters 11 (Staff in active employment), 18 (Interinstitutional cooperation), 20 (Investment in immovable property, rental of buildings and associated costs) and 21 (Data processing and telecommunications) and the conditions for the release thereof have been laid down; therefore enters, pending deliberations on the implementation of this financial year's budget, an appropriation of:

(a) ECU 5 million for Article 203, Cleaning and maintenance (Brussels);

(b) ECU 13,499 million for Chapter 21, Data processing and telecommunications;

(c) ECU 1 million for Article 260, Limited consultations, studies and surveys, STOA programme;

20. Enters an appropriation of ECU 5 346 421 in Chapter 101, Contingency reserve;

VI. WITH REGARD TO THE OMBUDSMAN

21. Notes that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the Financial Regulation, the Ombudsman forwarded to the European Parliament, before 1 May 1998, estimates of his revenue and expenditure for the financial year 1999 totalling ECU 3 474 797 in expenditure and ECU 357 140 in revenue;

22. Notes, at this stage of the procedure, the request to create 6 new temporary posts, including 1 A3, and the upgrading/conversion of 4 others, including 1 A3 to A2; draws attention in this connection to the provisions of the Staff Regulations with regard to promotions, the conclusions of the three institutions (Parliament, Council and Commission) on the rationalization of administrative expenditure, and the need for a joint declaration by the three institutions setting out the guiding principles for the number of staff employed by the Ombudsman and the status as temporary or contract staff of those carrying out enquiries ⁽²⁾; consequently rejects the proposed upgradings and accepts the creation of 3 new temporary posts: 1 A7, 1 B5 and 1 C5;

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23. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the institutions concerned and to the Ombudsman.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 14, 19.1.1998, p. 114.

⁽²⁾ See Staff Regulations applicable to officials and other servants of the European Communities, Parliament's aforementioned decision of 9 March 1994, its resolution of 24 October 1995 on the draft general budget for 1996, Sections I, II, IV, V and VI (OJ C 308, 20.11.1995, p. 122), and paragraphs 38 and 39 of its resolution of 23 May 1996 on Parliament's estimates for 1997 (OJ C 166, 10.6.1996, p. 184).

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14. Situation of frontier workers

A4-0168/98

Resolution on the situation of frontier workers in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 148 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the EC Treaty, in particular Articles 2, 5, 117, 118, 118a, 118b, 130a and 130b thereof, and the Protocol on Social Policy,
 - having regard to petition No 789/95 of 4 July 1995 on the effects of the increase in social security contributions in the Netherlands for Belgian frontier workers, referred to the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs pursuant to the second subparagraph of Rule 157(1) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the numerous other petitions submitted on the problems of frontier workers and included in the study carried out by the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the Commission's 1994 White Paper 'European Social Policy — A way forward for the Union' (COM(94)0333) and its Medium-term Social Action Programme 1995-97,
 - having regard to the report of 18 March 1997 of the High-Level Panel on free movement of persons and the Commission's action plan for free movement of workers (COM(97)0586),
 - having regard to its resolutions of 16 December 1988 on the problems of frontier workers in the Community ⁽²⁾ and of 9 February 1993 on the Commission communication on the living and working conditions of Community citizens resident in frontier regions, with special reference to frontier workers ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the proposals for regulations amending Regulation 1408/71 ⁽⁴⁾ and its opinions on these proposals, in particular that of 29 November 1995 ⁽⁵⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A4-0168/98),
- A. whereas there are more than 380 000 frontier workers in the EU's internal border regions and in the regions bordering Monaco, Switzerland, San Marino and Andorra,
- B. whereas these frontier workers are confronted with a number of problems arising from the large discrepancies between the Member States as regards legislation on social security, taxation and the interaction between the two,
- C. whereas such problems form an obstacle to the achievement of free movement of persons, one of the four basic freedoms of the internal market, and to the completion of a European labour market, which is an important objective of the Union,
- D. whereas it has repeatedly urged that a solution be sought to a number of these problems at European Union level, inter alia by the amendment of Regulations 1612/68 and 1408/71,
- E. whereas it has in the past urged that a Directive be enacted concerning compulsory reporting of the effects on border populations of all relevant national legislation; whereas matters covered by European legislation should also be subject to such reporting;

⁽¹⁾ European Parliament DG4, Frontier workers in the European Union, social affairs series W-16, Luxembourg 1997, p. 198.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 12, 16.1.1989, p. 378.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 72, 15.3.1993, p. 43.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 260, 5.10.1995, p. 13; OJ C 62, 1.3.1996, p. 14; OJ C 68, 8.3.1996, p. 11; OJ C 198, 4.12.1996, p. 5; OJ C 6, 10.1.1998, p. 15.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 339, 18.12.1995, p. 15.

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- F. whereas provision should be made for social security contributions and personal tax to be paid in one and the same country, while guaranteeing equal treatment for the individuals concerned; whereas, pending the entry into force of a definitive Regulation on this matter, the Member States should set up a compensation fund for frontier workers' loss of income as a result of changes to legislation,
- G. whereas both the combination of the country-of-residence and country-of-employment principles and the option of choosing either the country-of-residence or country-of-employment principle can cause difficulties, in particular disproportionate income losses, to the frontier workers affected, thereby possibly giving rise to discrimination on grounds of nationality,
- H. whereas national legislative initiatives and collective agreements should be subject to scrutiny, including checks on tax liabilities, social security contributions and employment law, in order to identify possible adverse effects on migrant workers, and on frontier workers in particular,
1. Urges the Council to approve the Commission's current proposals for the amendment of Regulation 1408/71 ⁽¹⁾ in line with the opinions of the European Parliament; welcomes the Commission proposals on extending the scope of Regulation 1408/71 to include non-EU citizens and its intention to reform and simplify that Regulation; calls on the Commission to make additional proposals on the transfer of social security rights in the context of rules governing career breaks, supplementary pensions and non-statutory social security schemes;
2. Calls on the Commission to apply immediately the Memorandum on the implementation of the Recommendation of 21 December 1993 on tax on certain income earned by non-residents in a Member State other than the one in which they are resident ⁽²⁾; calls on the Commission, on the basis of this memorandum, to submit a proposal for a Directive on the equal treatment of non-residents in terms of taxation; calls on the Member States, pending the adoption of such a Directive, to bring their own tax legislation into line with the case law of the Court of Justice; intends, in so doing, to prevent or reverse de facto discrimination against citizens of another Member State, in particular frontier workers who are put at a disadvantage;
3. Urges the Commission to take the initiative, in line with the findings of the High-Level Panel on free movement of persons, towards eliminating the lack of coherence between tax and social security legislation, particularly for frontier workers, and towards a uniform definition of a frontier worker which applies both to taxation and to social security, thus abolishing the regional criterion;
4. Calls on the Commission in this connection to carry out an evaluation of the effect of double taxation agreements between Member States; calls for a European convention on the avoidance of double taxation on income and capital within the European Union; urges the Commission in that connection to seek a fair Community solution to problems caused by interaction between tax systems and social security systems as they apply to migrant workers and to frontier workers in particular;
5. Draws the attention of the Member States and the Commission to the precarious situation of frontier workers working in a third country with which there exist neither bilateral agreements nor association agreements on social security with the European Union; calls, consequently, for such situations to be reviewed as soon as possible;
6. Calls on the Commission to undertake research into the advantages and disadvantages of (1) the country-of-residence principle, (2) the country-of-employment principle, (3) combinations of each of these and (4) the option of choosing one or the other, and to submit proposals on the basis of that research;

⁽¹⁾ concerning the rules on early retirement, extension of the scope of the right of access to health care in the country of work and the rules on unemployment benefits.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 39, 10.2.1994, p. 22.

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7. Calls on the Commission to draft a Directive, based on Article 49 of the EC Treaty, on the introduction of a 'Europe test', whereby Member States would be required to test in advance new legislation and amendments to existing legislation and collective agreements on social protection, medical expenses, taxation and employment law for their effects on migrant workers and frontier workers in particular; considers that Community legislation, including the European social agreements, must be tested for their cross-border effects;
8. Draws attention to the Commission communication concerning the Development of the Social Dialogue at Community level (COM(96)0448) and to the abovementioned action plan for free movement of workers; supports the proposal submitted in both documents to merge the Advisory Committee on Social Security for Migrant Workers and the Advisory Committee on the Free Movement of Workers to form a single Advisory Committee; supports the Commission's intention to promote cross-border cooperation in border areas and extend such cooperation to cover specific matters — such as social protection and taxation — which are of great importance to border workers; notes, however, that national administrations must also be encouraged to improve their cooperation in order to solve, but in particular to prevent, specific problems affecting frontier workers; considers that they have an important role to play by proposing solutions to the problems which remain in spite of the 'Europe test';
9. Calls on the Member States to draw up statutory compensation arrangements on the basis that the Member State which, after a 'Europe test' has been conducted, implements a change to social or tax legislation which puts frontier workers at a disadvantage, must compensate them for loss of income;
10. Calls on the Commission, in consultation and agreement with the Member States and the bodies empowered to implement sickness insurance arrangements, to conduct an experiment in certain border regions offering a free choice of medical services in the country of residence or the country of employment to frontier workers and dependent members of their families, taking account of the recent rulings in the Decker and Kohll cases (C-120/95, C-158/96) on the funding of cross-border health care without prior authorization;
11. Calls for the establishment of national platforms bringing together the two sides of industry and social security and tax administrations in each Member State that can provide advisory and service facilities to migrant workers and to frontier workers in particular, address their problems, propose solutions within the competences of Member States and be responsible for implementing the 'Europe test';
12. Endorses the Commission's intention to promote cross-border cooperation in border regions, and to extend this cooperation to specific areas which are of major importance to frontier workers, such as social security and taxation;
13. Considers that the two advisory committees, in their work on freedom of movement and social security, must pay particular attention to the problems of border areas, including the social security contributions of frontier workers and the right to benefits;
14. Considers that the cross-border EURES (European Employment Service) partnerships which have been set up in border areas between public employment services, social partners and other interested parties must be stepped up; in this context, calls for better coordination between the EURES consultants from the trade unions and those from the employment services;
15. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for a programme to encourage Member States to improve services to migrant workers and frontier workers by arranging for national authorities to establish accessible call centres designated as Eurest Services (European Employment and Social Security and Taxes Services);
16. Considers that the EURES consultants should be used not only in their capacity as providers of information and advice for citizens in border areas, but also in an early warning capacity, and that to this end the procedures and channels for mapping out problems in border areas should be strengthened for the benefit of local, regional and national authorities and administrations and for European entities; calls, therefore, on the Commission to carry out multi-annual financial and subject-matter planning for the EURES network, particularly for cross-border initiatives;

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17. Calls on the Commission also to consider other cross-border forms of cooperation and consultation structures such as Interreg, and other cross-border projects such as Euregio care offices;
 18. Calls on the Commission to publish annual studies on the situation of frontier workers, including quantitative and qualitative analysis of cross-frontier employment and summaries of the legal situation, case law and problems in the different Member States;
 19. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the European social partners, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.
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15. Cohesion Fund – Structural Funds – Island regions

(a) A4-0159/98

Resolution on the Commission's annual report on the Cohesion Fund 1996 (COM(97)0302 – C4-0482/97)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's annual report, COM(97)0302 – C4-0482/97,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report concerning the financial year 1996 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to its resolutions of 29 June 1995 ⁽²⁾, 19 April 1996 ⁽³⁾ and 26 June 1997 ⁽⁴⁾ on successive Commission annual reports on the cohesion financial instrument and the Cohesion Fund,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and the opinions of the Committee on Transport and Tourism and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (A4-0159/98),
- A. whereas budgetary implementation of the Cohesion Fund was, according to the Court of Auditors' report for 1996, 100% of commitment appropriations and 97,5 % of payment appropriations,
 - B. whereas an overall balance was achieved at Community level between the two sectors of Cohesion Fund intervention, the environment and trans-European transport networks, which received 49,89% and 50,11% of commitment appropriations respectively in 1996,
 - C. whereas, without affecting this overall balance, marked imbalances are continuing to be observed in some Member States such as Ireland in favour of transport infrastructure, which is continuing to absorb 54% of the commitment appropriations allocated to that Member State; whereas the corresponding figures for the 1997 financial year, which have already been forwarded by the Commission, confirm the trend towards balance between the two sectors over the period 1994-1999,
 - D. whereas, in the case of trans-European transport networks and compared with previous years, there has been a disproportionate concentration of aid on financing roads, which absorbed 78,4% of total commitment appropriations allocated to the transport sector in 1996, while those intended for railways were barely maintained (18,12% of the total) and the aid for ports (1,9%) and airports (1,3%) fell substantially,
 - E. whereas, in the case of the environment, financing has continued to concentrate on water supply and treatment projects and, though to a lesser extent, waste treatment; whereas this type of project accounted for 96,3% of environment aid in Portugal, 99,5% in Greece and 96,7% in Ireland, whereas this concentration of aid has grown substantially in the case of Spain, rising from 65,23% in 1995 to 82% in 1996,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 348, 18.11.1997.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 183, 17.7.1995, p. 36.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 141, 13.5.1996, p. 265.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 222, 21.7.1997, p. 55.

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- F. whereas the essential purpose of the Cohesion Fund is to contribute to economic and social cohesion, meaning the reduction of social and regional disparities, and whereas these disparities are still seriously affecting the beneficiary Member States which, while they have increased per capita earnings over the last ten years from 66% to 74% of the Community average, have nevertheless in terms of employment seen a rise in the percentage gap separating them from the Community average, most alarmingly in the cases of Greece and Spain,
- G. whereas, although the Cohesion Fund does not have the direct aim of combating unemployment, investment projects that it finances do possess a marked capacity for creating jobs, since the Commission estimates that for every million ecus invested in improving transport infrastructure an average of 21 jobs will be created, while investment projects in the environmental sector may create up to 26 jobs per million ecus invested,
- H. whereas one of the main objectives of the Fund is to support the budgetary efforts of the beneficiary Member States in fulfilling the criteria of nominal convergence for the single currency and whereas, for this reason, it is subject to a conditionality clause,
- I. whereas 1996 was the first year of application of the conditionality clause, under which the beneficiary Member States are required to follow a programme leading to full compliance with the conditions for economic convergence in accordance with Article 104c of the Treaty concerning public deficits; whereas in 1996 the public deficits of the Member States concerned stayed within the margin of the recommended objectives, with the exception of Greece, which slightly exceeded them,
- J. whereas the conditionality clause, as its name implies, makes continuance of the Fund conditional upon fulfilment of the recommended objectives, and whereas the single currency will bring advantages to all regions of the Union; whereas, however, accompanying measures should be taken to ensure that the aims of monetary union and cohesion do not detract from one another,
- K. whereas an interim review was carried out in 1996 under Article 2(3) of the Cohesion Fund Regulation, which provides that the Fund's beneficiary countries will continue to be able to receive aid from the Fund provided that after the review their GNP is still less than 90% of the Community average; whereas none of the four beneficiary countries exceeded that limit at the time of the review,
1. Considers budgetary implementation of the Cohesion Fund for the 1996 financial year to have been satisfactory, as also the progress made in securing a total balance between the Fund's two intervention sectors;
 2. Considers, however, that the efforts of some beneficiary Member States must be stepped up to achieve proper balance between the two sectors;
 3. Considers the effort made by the four beneficiary states to have been generally satisfactory with regard to the funding of projects in line with the Commission's declared strategy of increasing the concentration of investment in the environmental sector on implementing Community Directives on the supply and treatment of water and treatment of waste;
 4. Expresses once more its interest in the financing of small-scale environmental projects, in view of the fact that their contribution to improving the environment is proportionately greater than the total cost of financing them;
 5. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to review the efficiency of investment in the environmental sector, in terms both of quality and quantity, and suggests that the Commission should be creating instruments, by developing environmental indicators, to make it possible to demonstrate environmental improvements in quantitative terms, the contribution to sustainable development and also introduce some comparability;
 6. Expresses its satisfaction at the importance given in 1996 to almost all the ultra-peripheral regions which, because of their special situation and conditions, deserve particular attention in the case of both the environment and transport; with regard to the trans-European transport networks, points out that Article 129b of the EC Treaty calls for particular attention to be given to the need to link island regions with each other and with peripheral regions, and considers that this provision is receiving priority treatment in the Cohesion Fund's financing of the transport sector in the ultra-peripheral regions;

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7. Greatly welcomes the improvements in road infrastructure carried out with aid from the Cohesion Fund; repeats the view expressed in paragraph 9 of its resolution of 26 June 1997 referred to above that the concentration of transport aid on road transport is excessive and contradicts the aim of incorporating the environmental dimension in Community transport policy; regrets that the Commission and the Member States have further increased aid for road transport projects, have not increased aid for railway construction and have reduced the aid earmarked for ports and airports; recognizes, however, that the quality of roads in the Cohesion Fund Member States is still significantly below the European average, with consequent effects on competitiveness and safety; also recognizes the importance of transport in the Cohesion Fund objective of opening up peripheral and poorer areas to the benefits of the single market;
8. Considers that the attention paid to ultra-peripheral areas is the right approach but there is a need for actual projects; points out that many areas of the Cohesion Fund countries are among the outermost areas of the Community, and that greater attention should be paid to sea and air transport, including ports and airports as transport nodes, and appropriate modern traffic management systems;
9. Points out that all the projects implemented under the Cohesion Fund should be accompanied by objective prior and *ex post* evaluation of their impact on the environment carried out by persons who are not associated with the planning or implementation of the projects;
10. Points out that one of the purposes of the Cohesion Fund is to support the beneficiary states in their efforts for convergence, which is why the successes that have been made must continue to be supported to that end;
11. Considers that the Cohesion Fund has not yet brought about real convergence among all Member States: some countries in receipt of Cohesion Fund assistance have achieved nominal convergence making them eligible to join the monetary union but they are required, until the date laid down in the relevant Regulation, 31 December 1999, to remain beneficiaries of the Cohesion Fund, whose primary objective is to achieve real convergence;
12. Calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament the study it commissioned on the overall socio-economic impact (point 4.5.3 of the annual report), so as to meet the call for democratic involvement of Parliament and enable a broad debate to take place on the economic effects of use of the Cohesion Fund;
13. Points out, further, that under the Treaty the Cohesion Fund is a financial instrument mainly intended to bring about economic and social cohesion and, as such, should continue its activity for that purpose until the date laid down in the relevant Regulation, 31 December 1999, without prejudice as to whether a beneficiary state achieves the conditions required to join the EMU, particularly since to do so does not mean that regional and social disparities have disappeared, as is shown in all its starkness by the conclusions of the first three-yearly report on cohesion; notes that the Commission is proposing to retain the Cohesion Fund in its present form; supports the retention of a cohesion fund;
14. Calls on the Commission and the Council to extend the period of application of the Cohesion Fund beyond 1999, (though only for Member States that are not participating in EMU), so as to achieve a major reduction in regional imbalances and create a larger number of jobs, in particular for young people, women and the long-term unemployed;
15. Believes that it is necessary to pay greater attention to those regions of Member States with the most serious imbalances so that the objective of cohesion is not limited merely to securing a balance between the Member States but also within them;
16. Appreciates the efficient work of the monitoring committees, in particular the efforts made to ensure that the regional and local authorities and the social partners participate in them, albeit with varying success from country to country;
17. Considers that this principle of partnership is bound to emerge in stronger guise from the present process of reform, and accordingly proposes that the Commission take it into account from the start of the planning process, not only to improve its efficiency but also to ensure that its activities are more conspicuous;

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18. Expresses its concern at the comments by the Commission on the slowness of implementation generally observed in the case of projects presented by regions or local authorities;
19. Supports measures that use the involvement of local and regional authorities to coordinate cohesion projects more closely with structural measures under the other EU funds, and considers this essential if Community monies are to be used more effectively;
20. Welcomes the fact that no instance of fraud was detected in the area of Cohesion Fund projects in 1996, but expresses its concern at the repeated instances of administrative irregularity or negligence detected by the Commission;
21. Considers it unjustifiable that the Commission still has not adopted the rules for financial checks referred to in Article 12(5) of the Cohesion Fund Regulation;
22. Draws attention to the Cohesion Fund's important contribution to creating jobs in the beneficiary states and values very highly, without prejudging the long-term assessment, the Commission's estimates that put the number of direct and indirect jobs generated in 1996 by projects financed by the Cohesion Funds at more than 57 000 and 17 100 respectively; calls for priority to be given in the remaining period of intervention by the Cohesion Fund to measures that will create long-term jobs;
23. Requests the Commission to draw up a study examining the extent to which the allocation of Cohesion Fund appropriations is in accordance with the environmental objectives laid down in the Fifth Action Programme on the Environment, particularly as regards sustainable development;
24. Considers that as part of the ex-post evaluation programme for completed projects that have received assistance, a specific question which should be looked into is the extent to which completed projects are linked in with the trans-European networks and can contribute to achieving sustainable mobility;
25. Considers that great attention should continue to be paid to the overall socio-economic impact of Cohesion Fund assistance and expects regular reports from the Commission on this matter;
26. Stresses the need to make progress with a more vigorous policy to show public opinion the very positive effects of Cohesion Fund action in the beneficiary states and improve the information on the opportunities for financing by the Fund supplied to those for whom it is ultimately intended, especially local authorities;
27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.

(b) A4-0160/98

Resolution on the eighth annual report on the Structural Funds for 1996 (COM(97)0526 — C4-0582/97)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission's report (COM(97)0526 — C4-0582/97),
- having regard to Council Regulations (EEC) 2081/93, in particular Article 16 thereof, and 2082/93, in particular Article 31 thereof,
- having regard to the Court of Auditors' annual report for the financial year 1996 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's first report on economic and social cohesion (COM(96)0542 — C4-0016/97),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 348, 18.11.1997.

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- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Committee on Budgetary Control, the Committee on Fisheries and the Committee on Women's Rights (A4-0160/98),
- A. whereas the end of 1996 marks the half-way point in the current programming period; whereas the two preceding years recorded unsatisfactory results for the take-up of funds,
- B. whereas the delays affecting programme approval, particularly for Community initiatives, meant that 1996 was the first real year of implementation,
- C. whereas successful coordination of Structural Fund activities with the other financial instruments available to the EU produces a decisive multiplier effect and is hence essential for the attainment of the goal of economic and social cohesion,
- D. whereas it is very important for European regional policy to be compatible with other Community policies and their objectives; whereas the horizontal goal of achieving economic and social cohesion pursuant to Article 130b of the Treaty is the necessary adjunct to a coherent European regional development policy,
- E. mindful of the continuing efforts to implement the partnership principle, in particular the involvement of local authorities and social partners, and of the Commission's efforts to secure a further strengthening of the principle in the reform of the Structural Funds,
- F. whereas the systematic monitoring and evaluation of structural measures associated with European regional policy still have problems to overcome in terms of practical implementation,
- G. mindful of the importance of the principle of additionality as the main guarantee of added value in the Community's structural policy and of the continuing difficulties with the verification of this principle; whereas, according to the Commission proposal for reform of the Structural Funds, this principle is to be accorded a crucial role in the allocation of the proposed reserve,
- H. whereas the choice of research and technological development as this year's priority represents one of the key issues in the economic development of backward regions and whereas the Structural Funds make an appreciable contribution to creating and exploiting innovative capacity in these regions,

Budget implementation

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the take-up of appropriations from the Structural Funds in 1996 at a rate of 98% of available commitments and 95% of available payments; notes that this rate of take-up is a clear improvement on the two preceding years of implementation; notes further that these figures say little about actual implementation in the field (ratio of actual expenditure to overall planned expenditure);
2. Calls on the Member States to respect the three-month deadline laid down in Article 21(5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93 for transferring funds to final beneficiaries; asks the Commission to provide data on the transfer of funds to final beneficiaries in future annual reports;
3. Expresses its concern at the rate of take-up for Community initiatives and transitional and innovative measures which together account for over 70% of the total funding not taken up; points out that, on provisional figures, implementation of Community initiatives in 1997 did not register the expected improvement and will necessitate reprogramming and transfers of appropriations; emphasizes here that, in line with the code of conduct of 13 July 1993 on the implementation of structural policies by the Commission ⁽¹⁾, Parliament should be informed as early and as fully as possible and its opinions should be taken into account;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 255, 20.9.1993, p. 19.

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4. Confirms its resolutions on the Sixth and Seventh reports on the implementation of the Structural Funds, in particular as regards:

- the criticism of the report's silence concerning the adjustment of the financial perspective to take account of the conditions of implementation and on the 'snowball effect' of outstanding commitment appropriations at the end of the programming period;
- the importance of the presentation of a report on the general situation of the Structural Funds, before July 1998 and preferably with the 1999 PDB; this report should contain proposals to the budgetary authority on the possible adjustments and additions to be made to the various plans previously approved;

5. Points out that, in spite of the improvement of the Structural Funds implementation in 1996, large amounts had to be rebudgetized in 1997 and in 1998, increasing the 'snowball effect' at the date of April 1998 up to a total of ECU 3 171 million in commitment appropriations for the 1999 budget; fears that this amount might increase on account of possible implementation shortfalls in 1998 and 1999;

6. Notes that a more detailed analysis should be made, within SEM and Agenda 2000, on the compatibility of the management systems at the different decision-making (European Union, national and regional) in order to find solutions minimizing bureaucratic intervention and improving Member States' take-up capacity;

7. Requests the Commission to present an evaluation of the existing management costs at European, national and regional levels, and to investigate whether these costs are in a reasonable proportion to the total expenditure of the Structural Funds (identification of administrative and management costs associated with structural policy);

8. Acknowledges the efforts made by the Commission to improve financial management with the SEM 2000 reform programme; welcomes, in particular, the adoption of guidelines for assessing the eligibility of expenditure and calls on the Commission to adopt as soon as possible the implementing Regulation it has announced concerning the stricter requirements with which monitoring at national level will have to comply;

Coordination with other financial instruments

9. Expresses its satisfaction at the fact that the percentage of financing by the European Investment Bank (EIB) in aid of regional development is again on the increase; notes however that there has not yet been a return to the level of 1993 and hopes that the following years will record further improvements;

10. Points to the significance of the activities of the EIB and the European Investment Fund (EIF) and their substantial multiplier effect for Structural Fund intervention; notes however that these types of financing should be used only to supplement the Structural Funds and not to replace them;

11. Considers verification of the EIF by the Court of Auditors to be essential in this connection and urges those concerned to bring the on-going negotiations on this subject to a conclusion;

Compatibility with other Community policies

12. Emphasizes the importance of the compatibility of structural policy with other Community policies and the results to be noted in this respect; also points out however that this compatibility has its necessary adjunct in the horizontal requirement pursuant to Article 130b whereby the other Community policies support the objective of achieving economic and social cohesion;

Partnership principle

13. Regrets the continuing problems with implementation of the partnership principle according to the principles of the 1988 Structural Fund reform, particularly as regards the involvement of local authorities and social partners;

14. Emphasizes the importance of a solid partnership with regional and local protagonists and with management and labour; welcomes, in this respect, the extension of the partnership principle through employment pacts at regional and local level;

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15. Welcomes the fact that the Commission wishes to strengthen and formalize this principle in connection with the Structural Fund reform; considers the decentralization of the management of structural intervention coupled with a strengthening of the monitoring committees to be essential but also calls for appropriate powers of supervision and sanction for the Commission in order to ensure implementation in line with the regulations governing the Structural Funds;

Monitoring, evaluation and checks

16. Emphasizes the importance of monitoring and evaluation for the successful attainment of economic and social cohesion; notes that there are continuing shortcomings with monitoring and evaluation that are attributable to the immense complexity of the criteria and procedures in an increasingly sophisticated system of evaluation; therefore advocates appropriate simplification of the evaluation system in the imminent Structural Fund reform;

17. Welcomes the Commission's initiative to prepare its own staff, through training in environmental issues, to be able to evaluate compliance with the Community's policy of preventive environmental protection and thereby take a preventive approach to serious infringements; calls on the Commission and the Member States to offer more such training opportunities for members of the monitoring committees in order to enhance knowledge and awareness of possible environmental repercussions where changes are made to planning;

18. Criticizes the method and manner in which the Commission has approached the evaluation of large-scale projects, commissioning expensive studies with such different analyses that it was not possible to evaluate the results because they were not comparable; calls, therefore, on the Commission to step up work on devising an effective and simplified evaluation system, while ensuring comparability with analyses carried out in previous years;

19. Is generally concerned at the increase in irregularities with financial implications; attributes this, on the one hand, to more efficient systems of control and improved cooperation between the Commission and the Member States and, on the other hand, however, to an increase in fraudulent activity; considers it unacceptable that, according to information from the Member States, ECU 64 million were misappropriated in 1996 and urges the Commission and the Member States to make further efforts effectively to prevent irregularities on that scale;

Additionality

20. Emphasizes that additionality is a principle that should also be given priority in the next programming period; regrets the fact that verification of the observance of this principle is not being carried out satisfactorily, since the details necessary for such verification are often provided in incomplete form or not at all by the Member States;

21. Calls, with a view to more effective combating of fraud, for a careful selection of projects and appropriate cofinancing by the Member States contributing

- at least 25% in Objective 1 regions and
- at least 50% in Objective 2 regions;

22. Welcomes the Commission's practice of including conditionality clauses in programming documents; asks the Commission also to look into the possibility of simplifying the verification of the observance of the additionality principle;

Research, technological development (RTD) and cohesion policy

23. Is aware of the importance of the contribution which RTD and the information society can make to the economic development of less-favoured regions; welcomes therefore the fact that the Commission deals in detail in this annual report with the projects financed by the Structural Funds in the areas of RTD, telecommunications and information technology;

24. Stresses that — in the interests of complementarity between RTD policy and structural policy and in accordance with the horizontality of cohesion policy under Article 130b — the fifth framework research programme which is currently at the decision-making stage and the ensuing implementing regulations must take into account economic and social cohesion;

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Equal opportunities

25. Calls on the Commission to raise awareness among the monitoring committees of the importance of equal opportunities and to ensure a balanced participation of men and women on such committees;

26. Expects that far greater prominence will be given to the equal opportunities priority in the 9th annual report in order to comply with the Council Resolution of 2 December 1996 on mainstreaming equal opportunities for men and women into the European Structural Funds ⁽¹⁾ and to assess the impact of the guidelines for new Objective 2 programming issued in 1996;

Fisheries

27. Calls on the Commission, in particular its Directorate-General for Fisheries, to publish an annual report on structural policy to assist fisheries and aquaculture;

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28. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 386, 20.12.1996, p. 1.

(c) A4-0118/98

Resolution on the problems of island regions in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 16 May 1997 on an integrated policy adapted to the special situation of island regions in the European Union ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Article 129b(2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Article 130a of the EC Treaty, as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam (Article 158),
- having regard to the European Court of Justice's ruling of 23 January 1983 in Case 8/82 ('that discrimination consists in treating differently situations which are identical, or treating in the same way situations which are different'),
- having regard to the conclusions of the three conferences of the chambers of commerce of the island regions of the European Union, of Chios (1994) on economic and social cohesion, Palma de Mallorca (1995) on a Community policy of sustainable development in the island regions of the European Union and of Palermo (1996) on a network for European islands — plans and partnership for local development,
- having regard to the conclusions of the Turin European Council of March 1996, particularly the decision to include the problem of island regions on the IGC agenda,
- having regard to the results of the first conference on the sustainable development of island regions, held in Minorca on 26 April 1997,
- having regard to the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP) presented in Noordwijk on 9-10 June 1997,
- having regard to the outcome of the Ecofin Council of 1 December 1997,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 167, 2.6.1997, p. 249.

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- having regard to the proposals and representations expressed by the island regional authorities of the EU, which have been voiced in particular through the works of the 'Islands Commission' of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe,
 - having regard to the working document on the coastal and island regions of the European Union published by Parliament's Directorate-General for Research in April 1996 (PE 166.018),
 - having regard to the proceedings of the public hearing on the problems of island regions organized by the Committee on Regional Policy on 20 January 1998,
 - having regard to the European Community's Statistical Office (Eurostat) publication 'Portrait des îles',
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and the opinions of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Fisheries (A4-0118/98),
- A. whereas an 'island region' is a segment of a Member State which is entirely surrounded by sea, has no physical links to the mainland and is not the seat of the capital city of any European Union country,
- B. whereas Article 130a of the Treaty, as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam, states that 'the Community shall aim at reducing disparities between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions or islands',
- C. whereas Article 130a should be interpreted in the light of the Declaration on island regions (No 30) annexed to the Final Act of the Amsterdam Treaty, which recognizes that 'island regions suffer from structural handicaps linked to their island status, the permanence of which impairs their economic and social development',
- D. whereas this Declaration helps define the obligations imposed by the new wording of Article 130a adopted at Amsterdam, and indicates that the article in question relates to the slow development experienced by all the Union's island regions,
- E. whereas the handicaps from which island regions suffer, which clearly distinguish them from mainland regions, arise — albeit in varying degrees — from the limited availability of usable land and fisheries resources and of potential water and energy supplies, marine and coastal pollution, a particularly difficult waste and sewage management problem, depopulation, coastal erosion, the shortage of skilled labour, the fact that businesses have no possibility of benefiting from economies of scale, additional transport and communications costs, the doubly disadvantaged status of smaller islands forming part of an archipelago ('dual insularity') and the high cost of infrastructures, to which, in some cases in the North, must be added isolation in winter caused by ice,
- F. whereas the Amsterdam Conference recognized that special measures should be adopted to compensate for the handicaps from which the island regions suffer,
- G. whereas, on several previous occasions, the European Union has taken account of natural handicaps as factors which may determine the precariousness of a local economy, witness the case of regions with a low population density or the special treatment accorded to the outermost regions,
- H. whereas, given the permanent nature of the distinctive features of island status, coordination of initiatives and actions promoting development is required in such regions, and this means that infrastructure and development policies must safeguard as priorities the rights of the resident population to sustainable development, as well as conservation and the non-destructive use of the island's resources,
- I. whereas island status does not affect the various island regions in the same way; whereas any European policy designed to assist them must therefore be capable of being adapted to the different problems affecting such regions,
- J. whereas it is necessary to integrate the island regions into the internal market on equal terms,
- K. whereas, finally, it is a paradoxical fact that under the Commission's 'Agenda 2000' proposals very few of the European Union's island regions will after 1999 be considered as regions that are lagging behind in development and thus in need of special structural aid,

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Island status and Structural Fund reform

1. Calls on the Commission, in the course of the forthcoming reform of the Structural Funds, not to regard macroeconomic factors as the only criteria to be taken into account in determining whether the island regions of the EU qualify for inclusion under Structural Fund objectives and to take account also of geographical and economic criteria, such as a region's remote position or island status, as permanent physical obstacles to viable regional development;
2. Considers that it is too inflexible to apply the threshold of 75% of per capita GDP adjusted for purchasing power parities in the case of island regions since, by virtue of the Treaty of Amsterdam, they ought to benefit from specific measures geared to their respective levels of development for the purpose of offsetting their natural handicaps;
3. Considers that it is necessary for one of the three Community initiatives expected to emerge from the reform of the Structural Funds (Interreg) to include a new programme entirely devoted to island regions;
4. Calls on the Commission to take account of those island regions that are classified as NUTS III but are lumped together with larger mainland regions classified as NUTS II, and calls for the nomenclature of territorial statistical units to be reviewed in the light of this problem;
5. Calls on the Commission to take into account the particularities of island regions in drawing up and implementing Community Directives and regulations and in development policy or strategy texts in general;
6. Calls, in connection with the reform of the Structural Funds, for higher cofinancing rates to be considered for those island regions which are affected by a considerable lag in their development, in line with the principle of additionality which will be laid down by the new regulations;
7. Hopes that the Commission will set up an 'Interservice Group' within its secretariat to coordinate the various directorates-general concerned with a view to implementing an integrated policy for all the Union's island regions, together with the other European institutions and the national and local authorities; wishes this policy to integrate the implementation of regional policy legal and financial instruments, so as to offset the structural handicaps connected with island status, and ensure that Community policies likely to adversely affect these regions' economic and social development are modulated, with the aim of remedying the major problems specifically affecting each region or group of island regions in as practical a manner as possible;
8. Considers that representatives of local and regional authorities and the islands' chambers of commerce, universities and organizations for the protection of the environmental and cultural heritage and the promotion of equal opportunities should take part in planning and implementing any national or Community policies in favour of the island regions of the European Union;
9. Hopes that, in the new financial programming period for the cohesion policy, the policy of inter-island cooperation will be further assisted by Community programmes focusing on the development of networks between island regions along the lines of Eurisles, Imedoc or Islenet and other networks such as those formed by the chambers of commerce of the island regions of the European Union;
10. Wishes to cooperate in future, through its Committee on Regional Policy, with regional and local authorities and international organizations and NGOs working to promote the sustainable development of the island regions;

State aid

11. Considers that where the GDP per capita at purchasing-power parity of island regions is over the threshold of 75% of the Community average, this should not automatically disqualify them from eligibility for aid under Article 92(3)(a);
12. Calls on the Commission to permit the Member States to grant operational assistance, including transport, to all their own island regions and to regard it as compatible with the single market provided that it is awarded to offset the additional costs generated by their natural disadvantages;

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13. Requests that, to offset the economic and social disadvantages arising from natural handicaps, future guidelines concerning state aid for the regions should be modulated to allow island status to be taken into account, and calls for island regions concerned by Objective 1 to qualify, in any event, for a maximum net grant equivalent rate of 50% and for other island regions to be accorded at least the same treatment as regions with a low population density covered by the current Objective 6 (i.e. a maximum net grant equivalent of 30%);

Transport, environment, telecommunications, energy, tourism and social affairs

14. Calls on the Commission to conduct a study on the additional costs arising from island status in the transport sector;

15. Calls for compensatory measures to offset the additional costs of transporting persons, goods and energy from and to island regions and for the reinforcement of the self-sufficiency of those regions in energy and supplies of necessities;

16. Calls for compliance with Article 129b (new Article 154), in which the need to link island regions with the central regions of the Community is made plain;

17. Calls for the European Environment Agency to conduct a study of the adverse consequences for the environment of increased output of solid and liquid waste and its treatment, energy dependency and the impact of tourism during the high season; calls for the results of these studies to be reflected in future policy on island regions; calls for the Agency also to make a specific study of the island regions of the European Union, focusing in particular on the environmental and energy dimension, the management of coastal areas and erosion and desertification;

18. Calls on the Commission to examine systematically the cross-border consequences for the environment of island regions of activities undertaken either in the Member States or elsewhere, and not to fund projects in Community or non-Community countries which are found to have adverse environmental consequences for an island region of a Community country;

19. Calls for the development of the information society to be assisted and consequently for telephone and telematics networks to be improved in all island regions, and for these regions to be included as appropriate in the trans-European networks;

20. Calls, in the context of an integrated Community policy, for actions and pilot projects to be implemented so that the island regions can be used as laboratories for the alternative energy and energy-saving sector, and consequently for the widespread dissemination of new technologies, the funding of research laboratories and the award of study grants to be encouraged; stresses the importance of selecting island regions where it is possible to undertake significant experiments in producing electricity with renewable energy sources, as suggested in the DG XVII White Paper on 'energy for the future: renewable energy sources', with a view to reducing the dependency of islands on fossil fuels;

21. Calls on the Commission to accord a high priority to ensuring that the islands — in particular arid islands — are self-sufficient in water and hopes that the Commission will give priority co-funding to projects in this area;

22. Considers that island economies that depend exclusively on tourism should be diversified with a view to reducing seasonal variations in tourist flows and promoting new and integrated sources of internally generated development;

23. Considers that an integrated policy for the island regions should take account of the risks posed to the sustainable development of some of these regions by excessive tourist facilities; calls on the Commission to take account of the impact on the natural environment of the growth in further heavily marketed facilities on the coast (such as the establishment of marinas) and tourist development of the countryside;

24. Advocates the creation of a working party on the common trade problems of the island regions, in the context of the third multiannual programme for SMUs;

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25. Calls on the Commission to consider the particularly unfavourable situation, in terms of both health and educational facilities, of the smaller islands forming part of an archipelago as a result of their 'dual insularity';
26. Hopes that the Commission will, as a priority, provide cofinancing for the purchase of means of transport for medical emergencies in the archipelagoes and in the small island regions to ensure, when necessary, regular and fast links with either the main islands or the mainland; hopes that the Commission will also cofinance the purchase of airborne and land-based fire-fighting equipment, so as effectively to protect the natural resources of the islands;
27. Considers that ferry services should satisfy not only the requirements of the shipping companies but also the needs of the islanders, particularly during the winter months;
28. Calls on the Commission to promote a series of measures to preserve the cultural identity of island regions, chiefly by action at institutional level and special schemes to exploit historical and archaeological sites, to restore traditional settlements, to upgrade housing and promote international cultural cooperation;
29. Calls on the Commission to ensure that in the new framework of the Cohesion Fund its beneficiaries give priority to infrastructure for transport, the environment and telecommunications in the island regions;
30. Takes the view that steps must be taken to ensure that each development scheme in island regions of the European Union is economically viable, socially acceptable, technically feasible, environmentally-friendly and compatible with sustainable development;
31. Considers that an indispensable element in any development strategy for the islands should be safeguarding the historical, artistic, cultural and linguistic heritage of these regions;
32. Considers that a European Year for the Islands should be designated, comprising a number of events, such as a forum on the islands to be organized in Brussels, bringing together all island bodies and representatives from all the island regions of the European Union to discuss the particular problems facing islands and to find generally acceptable solutions;
33. Calls for the involvement of the Social Fund to tackle unemployment, which has a marked seasonal element, by promoting programmes of a traditional nature (woodwork, marblework, metalwork), the products of which can readily find an outlet on the tourist market; considers it particularly important that educational establishments spread to island regions that can maintain them as this will sustain social, cultural and economic life, especially during the seasons outside the summer when there is a perceptible decline and ageing in the population of the islands;

Tax and financial incentives

34. Calls on the Commission to envisage Europe being divided into three zones: the mainland, the outermost zone and the intermediate island zone, for which tax harmonization measures that take the distinctive features of these regions into account might be considered;
35. Hopes that, in the context of measures to achieve tax coordination, and in line with the statement issued by the December 1997 Ecofin Council, action will be taken to protect Europe's island regions as a whole in order to support their economic development;
36. Calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of tax and financial incentives to promote the endogenous development of island regions, following in the line of those proposed in this resolution;
37. Calls on the Commission to accord high priority to management schemes for the protection of environmentally-sensitive island areas and hopes that it will cofinance the drawing up of these schemes as a priority;
38. Calls on the Commission to adopt pilot experiments for island regions on reducing VAT in labour-intensive sectors (such as the hotel industry) with a view to boosting employment, in accordance with the conclusions approved at the Luxembourg employment summit;

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Agriculture and fisheries

39. Calls for the CAP to incorporate the principle of corrective factors for aid on the basis of the size of a holding, the area in which it is situated and its productivity, and suggests that the Commission take into account the precarious situation of island regions, both in economic and environmental terms, by implementing specific actions to assist the sustainable, small-scale agri-foodstuffs sector with particular emphasis on organic farming;

40. Calls for aid from the Commission to introduce 'island quality labels' as part of the integrated policy, to support typical local produce;

41. Underlines the importance of fisheries for the economy of many islands, the need to offset the competitive disadvantage of island communities in relation to other coastal communities due to natural conditions or very different levels of technical development, and the scarcity of alternative sources of employment; calls on the Commission, therefore, to consider the possibility of according special treatment to the smallest islands which are dependent on fisheries by taking appropriate measures to ensure that the fishing activities of the islands, including fishing of non-CFP species, are maintained;

42. Recognizes that, independently of the special treatment received by the most remote regions of the EU under the Community Treaties, Declaration 26 attached to the Final Act of the EU Treaty and the new Article 299(2) of the EC Treaty incorporated by the Treaty of Amsterdam, the islands suffer in general from a competitive disadvantage, as a result of their isolation from the continental market;

43. Recommends that consumers should be guaranteed the same prices as those paid on the mainland, at least for basic products;

44. Hopes that Estonia's two island regions may, from the pre-accession stage, participate in the integrated policy for islands;

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45. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee.

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ATTENDANCE REGISTER

28 May 1998

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Adam, Aelvoet, Ahern, Ahlqvist, Aldo, Amadeo, Anastassopoulos, d'Ancona, Andersson, André-Léonard, Andrews, Angelilli, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Antony, Anttila, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Augias, Avgerinos, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldi, Baldini, Balfe, Banotti, Bardong, Barón Crespo, Barros Moura, Barthet-Mayer, Barton, Barzanti, Bazin, Berend, Berès, Berger, Bernard-Reymond, Bernardini, Bertens, Berthu, Bertinotti, Bianco, Billingham, van Bladel, Blokland, Blot, Böge, Bösch, Boniperti, Bontempi, Boogerd-Quaak, Botz, Bourlanges, Bowe, Brinkhorst, Brok, Buffetaut, Burenstam Linder, Burtone, Cabezón Alonso, Cabrol, Caccavale, Caligaris, Camisón Asensio, Campos, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Cardona, Carlotti, Carlsson, Carnero González, Carniti, Carrère d'Encausse, Cars, Casini Carlo, Cassidy, Castagnède, Castagnetti, Castricum, Caudron, Cederschiöld, Cellai, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Coates, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Gerard, Collins Kenneth D., Colombo Svevo, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Cornelissen, Correia, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cot, Cottigny, Cox, Crampton, Crawley, Crowley, Cunha, Cunningham, Cushnahan, van Dam, D'Andrea, Danesin, Dankert, Darras, Daskalaki, David, De Clercq, De Coene, Decourrière, De Esteban Martín, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Dell'Alba, De Melo, Deprez, Desama, de Vries, Díez de Rivera Icaza, van Dijk, Dillen, Donnay, Donnelly Alan John, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Dupuis, Ebner, Eisma, Elchlepp, Elliott, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Ettl, Evans, Fabra Vallés, Fabre-Aubrespy, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Farassino, Fassa, Fayot, Ferber, Féret, Fernández-Albor, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Filippi, Fitzsimons, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fontana, Ford, Formentini, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Frischenschlager, Frutos Gama, Gahrton, Galeote Quecedo, Gallagher, García Arias, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garot, Garriga Polledo, Gasöliba i Böhm, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Giansily, Gillis, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Girão Pereira, Glante, Glase, Goepel, Goerens, Gollnisch, Gomolka, González Triviño, Graenitz, Graziani, Gröner, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, Guinebertière, Gutiérrez Díaz, Haarder, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hager, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hautala, Hawlicek, Heinisch, Hendrick, Herman, Hermange, Hernandez Mollar, Hindley, Hoff, Holm, Hoppenstedt, Hory, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Hyland, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Janssen van Raay, Jarzembowski, Jean-Pierre, Jöns, Jové Peres, Junker, Kaklamanis, Karamanou, Karoutchi, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kerr, Kestelijn-Sierens, Killilea, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kittelmann, Kjer Hansen, Klaß, Koch, Kofoed, Konrad, Krarup, Krehl, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kronberger, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, La Malfa, Lambraki, Lambrias, Lang, Lange, Langen, Langenhagen, Larive, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Lataillade, Le Chevallier, Le Gallou, Lehne, Lenz, Leopardi, Le Pen, Leperre-Verrier, Le Rachinel, Lienemann, Liese, Lindeperg, Lindholm, Lindqvist, Linkohr, Linser, Lomas, Lüttge, Lulling, Macartney, McAvan, McCarthy, McCartin, McIntosh, McKenna, McMahon, McMillan-Scott, McNally, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Malerba, Malone, Manisco, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Manzella, Marin, Marinho, Marinucci, Maset Campos, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Philippe-Armand, Mather, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Medina Ortega, Mégret, Méndez de Vigo, Mendonça, Menrad, Metten, Miller, Miranda, Miranda de Lage, Mohamed Ali, Mombaur, Monfils, Moniz, Moorhouse, Morán López, Moreau, Moretti, Morgan, Morris, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Müller, Mulder, Murphy, Muscardini, Musumeci, Mutin, Nassauer, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Nicholson, Nordmann, Novo, Novo Belenguer, Oddy, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pailler, Palacio Vallelersundi, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Papayannakis, Pasty, Peijs, Pérez Royo, Perry, Peter, Pettinari, Pex, Piecyk, Piha, Pinel, Pirker, des Places, Plumb, Podestà, Poettering, Poggiolini, Poisson, Pollack, Pomés Ruiz, Pompidou, Pons Grau, Porto, Posselt, Pradier, Pronk, Provan, Puerta, van Putten, Querbes, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Raschhofer, Rauti, Read, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rehder, Ribeiro, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rocard, Rosado Fernandes, de Rose, Roth, Roth-Behrendt, Rothley, Roubatis, Rovsing, Rübig, Ruffolo, Ryyänen, Sainjon, Saint-Pierre, Sakellariou, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Samland, Sandbæk, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Sarlis, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schaffner, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schifone, Schlechter, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schmidbauer, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Seal, Seppänen, Sichrovsky, Sierra González, Simpson, Sindal, Sisó Cruellas, Skinner, Smith, Soltwedel-Schäfer, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Soulier, Spaak, Speciale, Spencer, Spiers, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Stirbois, Stockmann, Striby, Sturdy, Tajani, Tannert, Tappin, Tatarella, Taubira-Delannon, Terrón i Cusí, Theato, Theonas, Theorin, Thomas, Thors, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Titley, Todini, Tomlinson, Tongue, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Trakatellis, Truscott, Väyrynen, Valdivielso de Cué, Vallvé, Valverde López, Vanhecke, Van Lancker, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, van Velzen W.G., van Velzen Wim, Verwaerde, Viceconte, Vinci, Viola, Virgin, Virrankoski, Voggelhuber, Waddington, Walter, Watson, Watts, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiebenga, Wiersma, Wijsenbeek, Willockx, Wilson, Wolf, Wurtz, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ANNEX

Result of roll-call votes

(+) = For

(–) = Against

(O) = Abstention

1. *Spencer report – A4-0169/98**Resolution*

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Castagnède, Dell’Alba, Dupuis, González Triviño, Hory, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Pradier, Saint-Pierre, Taubira-Delannon

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerdt-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Caligaris, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kjer Hansen, Kofoed, Monfils, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nordmann, Ryyänen, Spaak, Thors, Väyrynen, Vallvé, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Gutiérrez Díaz, Sornosa Martínez

NI: Amadeo, Angelilli, Cellai, Farassino, Féret, Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Lukas, Muscardini, Raschhofer, Schifone, Tatarella, Trizza

PPE: Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Burenstam Linder, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Carlsson, Casini Carlo, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, D’Andrea, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Ebner, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferri, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fontana, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriaga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Graziani, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klaß, Koch, Konrad, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Mendonça, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirkker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Posselt, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Røvsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, van Velzen W. G., Verwaerde, Viola, Virgin, Wieland

PSE: Adam, Ahlqvist, d’Ancona, Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Augias, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barros Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Bernardini, Billingham, Bösch, Botz, Bowe, Campos, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Correia, Crampton, Crawley, Dankert, Darras, De Coene, Delcroix, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elliott, Evans, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Fayot, Ford, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Gröner, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lambraki, Lange, Lienemann, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Löw, Lüttge, McAvan, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Marinho, Martin David W., Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Murphy, Mutin, Napoletano, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, Pons Grau, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Rapkay, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Ruffolo, Sakellariou, Samland, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Tongue, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

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UPE: Aldo, Andrews, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldini, van Bladel, Boniperti, Cabrol, Caccavale, Cardona, Collins Gerard, Danesin, Daskalaki, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Giansily, Girão Pereira, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Kaklamanis, Karoutchi, Lataillade, Leopardi, Malerba, Marin, Mezzaroma, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, van Dijk, Hautala, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, Müller, Roth, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: Lindqvist

GUE/NGL: Ephremidis, Manisco, Seppänen, Theonas

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, Buffetaut, van Dam, Fabre-Aubrespy, Krarup, Nicholson, des Places, de Rose, Sandbæk, Striby

NI: Antony, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Pinel, Stirbois, Vanhecke

PSE: Cabezón Alonso, Wibe

UPE: Bazin, Janssen van Raay, Pompidou

V: Gahrton, Holm, Lindholm, McKenna

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GUE/NGL: Bertinotti, Coates, Elmalan, Jové Peres, Marset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Pailler, Puerta, Querbes, Sierra González, Vinci

PSE: Lomas, Morris, Smith

V: Schroedter

2. Gasòliba I Böhm report — A4-0193/98

Resolution

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Castagnède, Dupuis, González Triviño, Hory, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Macartney, Pradier, Saint-Pierre, Taubira-Delannon

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Caligaris, Cars, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kjer Hansen, Kofoed, Monfils, Mulder, Neyts-Uytebroeck, Nordmann, Rynänen, Spaak, Thors, Väyrynen, Vallvé, Watson, Wiebenga

GUE/NGL: Carnero González

I-EDN: Blokland, van Dam, Nicholson, des Places

NI: Amadeo, Angelilli, Cellai, Farassino, Hager, Kronberger, Linser, Lukas, Moretti, Muscardini, Raschhofer, Schifone, Trizza

PPE: Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Burenstam Linder, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Carlsson, Casini Carlo, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Costa Neves, Cunha, Cushnahan, D'Andrea, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Ebner, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fontana, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Graziani, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klab, Koch, Konrad, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Mendonça, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Perry, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Posselt, Pronk,

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PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Augias, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barros Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Bernardini, Billingham, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Correia, Crampton, Dankert, Darras, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elliott, Evans, Falconer, Fayot, Ford, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Imbeni, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Kuhne, Lage, Lambraki, Lange, Lienemann, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Löow, Lomas, Lüttge, McAvan, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Manzella, Marinho, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Morris, Murphy, Mutin, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Ruffolo, Sakellariou, Samland, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Tongue, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Aldo, Andrews, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldini, Bazin, van Bladel, Boniperti, Cabrol, Caccavale, Cardona, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Danesin, Daskalaki, Donnay, Gallagher, Giansily, Girão Pereira, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Kaklamanis, Karoutchi, Lataillade, Leopardi, Malerba, Marin, Martin Philippe-Armand, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, van Dijk, Hautala, Kreissl-Dörfler, Müller, Schroedter, Wolf

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GUE/NGL: Bertinotti, Coates, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Pailler, Papayannakis, Puerta, Querbes, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas, Vinci

I-EDN: Berthu, Buffetaut, Fabre-Aubrespy, Krarup, de Rose, Sandbæk

NI: Antony, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Lang, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Pinel, Stirbois, Vanhecke

PSE: Ahlqvist, Iversen, Seal, Smith, Theorin, Wibe

UPE: Janssen van Raay

V: Gahrton, Holm, Kerr, Lindholm

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ELDR: Lindqvist

I-EDN: Striby

NI: Féret

V: Voggenhuber

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NI: Amadeo, Angelilli, Antony, Blot, Cellai, Dillen, Féret, Gollnisch, Hager, Kronberger, Lang, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Linser, Lukas, Moretti, Muscardini, Pinel, Raschhofer, Stirbois, Vanhecke

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GUE/NGL: Bertinotti, Carnero González, Coates, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Pailler, Papayannakis, Puerta, Querbes, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas, Vinci

I-EDN: Blokland, Krarup, Sandbæk

NI: Farassino

PPE: Chanterie, Ebner, Thyssen, Tindemans

PSE: Adam, Ahlqvist, d'Ancona, Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Augias, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barros Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Bernardini, Billingham, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Correia, Cottigny, Crampton, Dankert, De Coene, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elliott, Evans, Falconer, Fayot, Ford, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Lage, Lambraki, Lange, Lienemann, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lööw, Lomas, Lüttge, McAvan, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Manzella, Marinho, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Morris, Murphy, Mutin, Napolitano, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Panagopoulos, Papakryiazis, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Sakellariou, Samland, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Tongue, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

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UPE: Caccavale, Marin

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, van Dijk, Hautala, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, McKenna, Müller, Roth, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: Wiebenga

PPE: Imaz San Miguel

UPE: Daskalaki, Kaklamanis

V: Holm, Lindholm

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Resolution

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Castagnède, Dell'Alba, Dupuis, González Triviño, Hory, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Pradier, Saint-Pierre

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Brinkhorst, Caligaris, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kjer Hansen, Kofoed, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nordmann, Ryyänen, Spaak, Thors, Väyrynen, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijzenbeek

GUE/NGL: Bertinotti, Carnero González, Coates, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Pailler, Papayannakis, Puerta, Querbes, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas, Vinci

I-EDN: Berthu, Fabre-Aubrespy, des Places, de Rose, Striby

NI: Amadeo, Angelilli, Antony, Blot, Cellai, Dillen, Farassino, Féret, Gollnisch, Hager, Kronberger, Lang, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Linser, Lukas, Moretti, Muscardini, Pinel, Raschhofer, Schifone, Stirbois, Trizza, Vanhecke

PPE: Casini Carlo, Chanterie, Colombo Svevo, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferrer, Fontaine, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Langen, Maij-Weggen, Oomen-Ruijten, Peijs, Pex, Thyssen, Tindemans, Trakatellis

PSE: Adam, Ahlqvist, d'Ancona, Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Augias, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barros Moura, Barton, Berès, Berger, Bernardini, Billingham, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Correia, Cottigny, Crampton, Crawley, Dankert, Darras, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elliott, Evans, Falconer, Ford, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Lage, Lambraki, Lange, Lienemann, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Löow, Lomas, Lüttge, McAvan, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Manzella, Marinho, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Morris, Murphy, Mutin, Napoletano, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Peter, Piecyk, Pollack, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Sakellariou, Samland, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Skinner, Smith, Speciale, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Tongue, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, van Velzen Wim, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

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UPE: Aldo, Andrews, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldini, Bazin, van Bladel, Boniperti, Cabrol, Caccavale, Cardona, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Danesin, Daskalaki, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Girão Pereira, Hermange, Hyland, Janssen van Raay, Kaklamanis, Karoutchi, Lataillade, Leopardi, Marin, Martin Philippe-Armand, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, van Dijk, Hautala, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, McKenna, Müller, Roth, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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I-EDN: Blokland, van Dam, Nicholson

PPE: Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Burenstam Linder, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Capucho, Carlsson, Cassidy, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chichester, Christodoulou, Cornelissen, Corrie, Cunha, Cushnahan, D'Andrea, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Ebner, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferri, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Graziani, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klab, Koch, Lambrias, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Mendonça, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oostlander, Otila, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Perry, Piha, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Posselt, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Røvsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sturdy, Theato, Tillich, Valdivielso de Cué, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, van Velzen W. G., Verwaerde, Viola, Virgin, Wieland

UPE: Guinebertière

V: Holm, Lindholm

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I-EDN: Krarup, Sandbæk

PPE: Pimenta

PSE: Fayot

5. *Arias Cañete report — A4-0159/98*

Amendment 1 (first part)

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6. *Arias Cañete report — A4-0159/98*

Amendment 1, second part

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Castagnède, Dell'Alba, Dupuis, González Triviño, Hory, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Lèperre-Verrier, Macartney, Pradier, Saint-Pierre

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Caligaris, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kjer Hansen, Kofoed, Larive, Monfils, Mulder, Neyts-Uytbroeck, Nordmann, Spaak, Thors, Vallvé, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijzenbeek

GUE/NGL: Carnero González

NI: Amadeo, Angelilli, Cellai, Farassino, Muscardini, Schifone, Trizza

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PPE: Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Bourlanges, Brok, Burenstam Linder, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Carlsson, Casini Carlo, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Cushnahan, D'Andrea, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Deprez, Ebner, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Graziani, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzemowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klaß, Koch, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, Maij-Weggen, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Mendonça, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Otila, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Posselt, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, van Velzen W. G., Viola, Virgin, Wieland

PSE: Adam, d'Ancona, Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Augias, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barton, Berger, Bernardini, Billingham, Bösch, Botz, Bowe, Cabezón Alonso, Campos, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Cottigny, Crampton, Crawley, Darras, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elliott, Evans, Falconer, Fayot, Ford, Frutos Gama, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Lage, Lange, Lienemann, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Löow, Lüttge, McAvan, McCarthy, McGowan, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Manzella, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Metten, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Morán López, Morris, Murphy, Mutin, Napolitano, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Peter, Pollack, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Roubatis, Sakellariou, Samland, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Smith, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Torres Couto, Torres Marques, Truscott, Van Lancker, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wiersma, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Aldo, Baggioni, Baldini, van Bladel, Boniperti, Cardona, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Danesin, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Gallagher, Guinebertière, Hermange, Hyland, Janssen van Raay, Karoutchi, Lataillade, Leopardi, Marin, Podestà, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini

V: Ahern

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ELDR: Lindqvist, Väyrynen, Virrankoski

GUE/NGL: Bertinotti, Coates, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Pailler, Puerta, Querbes, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas, Vinci

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, van Dam, Fabre-Aubrespy, Krarup, Nicholson, des Places, Sandbæk, Striby

NI: Antony, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Hager, Kronberger, Lang, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Linser, Lukas, Moretti, Raschhofer, Stirbois, Vanhecke

PPE: Capucho, Chichester, Cunha, McIntosh, Perry, Sturdy, Verwaerde

PSE: Avgerinos, Barros Moura, Correia, Lambraki, Lomas, Marinho

UPE: Azzolini, Martin Philippe-Armand, Poisson, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, van Dijk, Hautala, Holm, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lindholm, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Vogenhuber, Wolf

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NI: Féret**PPE:** Corrie, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, McMillan-Scott, Schröder**PSE:** Ahlqvist, Theorin, Wibe**UPE:** Caccavale, Daskalaki, Girão Pereira, Kaklamanis, Pasty**V:** Müller*7. Arias Cañete report — A4-0159/98**Amendment 2*

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ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Caligaris, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Frischenschlager, Gasòliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nordmann, Ryyänen, Spaak, Thors, Väyrynen, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, van Dam, Fabre-Aubrespy, Nicholson, des Places, Sandbæk, Striby**NI:** Amadeo, Angelilli, Cellai, Farassino, Muscardini, Schifone, Trizza

PPE: Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Burenstam Linder, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zuco, Carlsson, Casini Carlo, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Cushnahan, D'Andrea, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Ebner, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San Miguel, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klab, Koch, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, McCartin, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Otila, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Posselt, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Reding, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rosing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen W. G., Viola, Virgin, Wieland

PSE: Adam, Ahlqvist, d'Ancona, Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Augias, Baldarelli, Balfe, Berès, Berger, Bernardini, Billingham, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Cabezón Alonso, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Cottigny, Crampton, Crawley, Dankert, Darras, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop, Dührkop, Elliott, Evans, Falconer, Fayot, Ford, Frutos Gama, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Glante, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Kinnock, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Lange, Lienemann, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Löow, Lomas, Lüttge, McAvan, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Manzella, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morán López, Morris, Murphy, Mutin, Napoletano, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Peter, Pollack, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Sakellariou, Samland, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Tongue, Truscott, Van Lancker, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

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UPE: Caccavale, Daskalaki, Gallagher, Hyland, Janssen van Raay, Martin Philippe-Armand

V: Ahern, van Dijk, Hautala, Holm, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, Lindholm, McKenna, Müller, Roth, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Castagnède, Dell’Alba, Dupuis, González Triviño, Hory, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Pradier, Saint-Pierre, Taubira-Delannon

GUE/NGL: Bertinotti, Coates, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Pailler, Papayannakis, Puerta, Querbes, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas, Vinci

NI: Antony, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Hager, Kronberger, Lang, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Linser, Lukas, Moretti, Raschhofer, Stirbois, Vanhecke

PPE: Capucho, Cunha, Decourrière, De Melo, Grossetête, Mendonça, Pimenta, Soulier, Vaz da Silva

PSE: Avgerinos, Barros Moura, Campos, Correia, Lage, Lambraki, Marinho, Moniz, Roubatis, Torres Couto, Torres Marques

UPE: Aldo, Andrews, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldini, van Bladel, Boniperti, Cardona, Collins Gerard, Danesin, Donnay, Fitzsimons, Girão Pereira, Guinebertière, Hermange, Kaklamanis, Karoutchi, Lataillade, Leopardi, Marin, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Santini, Schaffner

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GUE/NGL: Carnero González

I-EDN: Krarup

NI: Féret

PPE: Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Graziani, McIntosh, Perry

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Amendment 3

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ARE: Castagnède

ELDR: André-Léonard, Anttila, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Caligaris, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Frischenschlager, Gasoliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Ryyänen, Spaak, Thors, Väyrynen, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Carnero González

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, van Dam, Fabre-Aubrespy, Nicholson, des Places, Sandbæk, Striby

NI: Amadeo, Farassino, Muscardini, Schifone

PPE: Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Banotti, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Böge, Bourlanges, Brok, Burenstam Linder, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Carlsson, Casini Carlo, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Christodoulou, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Cunha, Cushnahan, D’Andrea, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, Deprez, Ebner, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferber, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Ferri, Filippi, Flemming, Florenz, Fontaine, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Grossetête, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoppenstedt, Ilaskivi, Imaz San

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Miguel, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klauf, Koch, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Otila, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Peijs, Pex, Piha, Pimenta, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Posselt, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Redondo Jiménez, Rinsche, Robles Piquer, Rovsing, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, van Velzen W. G., Viola, Virgin, Wieland

PSE: Adam, Ahlqvist, d'Ancona, Andersson, Aparicio Sánchez, Augias, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barton, Berès, Berger, Bernardini, Billingham, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Bowe, Cabezón Alonso, Carlotti, Carniti, Castricum, Caudron, Colajanni, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Cottigny, Crampton, Crawley, Dankert, Darras, David, De Coene, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Díez de Rivera Icaza, Donnelly Alan John, Donner, Dührkop Dührkop, Elliott, Falconer, Fayot, Ford, Frutos Gama, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Graenitz, Green, Gröner, Hallam, Happart, Hardstaff, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hindley, Hoff, Howitt, Hughes, Hulthén, Hume, Imbeni, Iversen, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Junker, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Krehl, Kuckelkorn, Kuhn, Lage, Lange, Lienemann, Lindeperg, Linkohr, Lomas, Lüttge, McAvan, McCarthy, McGowan, McMahon, McNally, Malone, Mann Erika, Manzella, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Morris, Murphy, Mutin, Napoletano, Needle, Nencini, Newens, Newman, Oddy, Panagopoulos, Peter, Pollack, van Putten, Randzio-Plath, Read, Rehder, Rocard, Roth-Behrendt, Sakellariou, Samland, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schlechter, Schmidbauer, Schulz, Seal, Simpson, Sindal, Smith, Spiers, Stockmann, Tannert, Tappin, Terrón i Cusí, Theorin, Thomas, Titley, Tomlinson, Truscott, Van Lancker, Waddington, Walter, Watts, Wemheuer, Whitehead, Wibe, Wiersma, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Boniperti, Caccavale, Fitzsimons, Hyland, Janssen van Raay, Kaklamanis, Martin Philippe-Armand, Rosado Fernandes

V: Aelvoet, Ahern, van Dijk, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, Roth, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ARE: Dupuis, González Triviño, Hory, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Pradier, Saint-Pierre, Taubira-Delannon

GUE/NGL: Coates, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Pailler, Papayannakis, Puerta, Querbes, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas, Vinci

NI: Angelilli, Antony, Blot, Cellai, Dillen, Gollnisch, Hager, Kronberger, Lang, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Linser, Lukas, Raschhofer, Stirbois, Trizza, Vanhecke

PPE: Capucho, De Melo, Graziani, Mendonça, Soulier

PSE: Avgerinos, Barros Moura, Campos, Correia, Lambraki, Marinho, Roubatis, Torres Couto, Torres Marques

UPE: Aldo, Andrews, Azzolini, Baggioni, Baldini, van Bladel, Cardona, Collins Gerard, Crowley, Danesin, Daskalaki, Donnay, Girão Pereira, Guinebertière, Hermange, Karoutchi, Lataillade, Leopardi, Marin, Pasty, Podestà, Poisson, Pompidou, Santini, Schaffner

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I-EDN: Krarup

NI: Féret

PPE: Donnelly Brendan Patrick, McIntosh, Perry

PSE: Moniz

V: Holm, Lindholm, Müller

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PPE: Banotti, Bardong, Berend, Böge, Brok, Burenstam Linder, Carlsson, Casini Carlo, Castagnetti, Cederschiöld, Chanterie, Chichester, Colombo Svevo, Cornelissen, Corrie, Cushnahan, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Ebner, Ferber, Ferri, Flemming, Florenz, Friedrich, Gillis, Glase, Goepel, Gomolka, Grosch, Günther, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Heinisch, Herman, Ilaskivi, Jarzembowski, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kittelmann, Klauf, Koch, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McIntosh, McMillan-Scott, Maij-Weggen, Malangré, Mann Thomas, Martens, Matikainen-Kallström, Mayer, Menrad, Mombaur, Moorhouse, Mosiek-Urbahn, Mouskouri, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Otila, Pack, Peijs, Perry, Pex, Piha, Pirker, Plumb, Poettering, Poggiolini, Posselt, Pronk, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rack, Reding, Rinsche, Rovsing, Rübig, Schiedermeier, Schierhuber, Schleicher, Schlüter, Schnellhardt, Schröder, Schwaiger, Sonneveld, Spencer, Stenmarck, Stenzel, Sturdy, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, van Velzen W. G., Virgin, Wieland

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V: Müller

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ARE: Barthes-Mayer, Castagnède, Dell'Alba, Dupuis, González Triviño, Hory, de Lassus Saint Geniès, Leperre-Verrier, Macartney, Pradier, Saint-Pierre, Taubira-Delannon

ELDR: André-Léonard, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Caligaris, Cox, De Clercq, de Vries, Eisma, Fassa, Frischenschlager, Gasoliba i Böhm, Goerens, Haarder, Kestelijn-Sierens, Kofoed, Larive, Lindqvist, Monfils, Mulder, Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nordmann, Ryyänen, Spaak, Väyrynen, Vallvé, Virrankoski, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Bertinotti, Carnero González, Coates, Elmalan, Ephremidis, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Marset Campos, Miranda, Mohamed Ali, Moreau, Novo, Pailler, Papayannakis, Puerta, Querbes, Seppänen, Sierra González, Sornosa Martínez, Theonas, Vinci

NI: Antony, Blot, Dillen, Gollnisch, Kronberger, Lang, Le Gallou, Le Pen, Le Rachinel, Linser, Lukas, Moretti, Raschhofer, Stirbois, Vanhecke

PPE: Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Bannasar Tous, Bernard-Reymond, Bianco, Bourlanges, Camisón Asensio, Capucho, Christodoulou, Cunha, Decourrière, De Esteban Martin, De Melo, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Fontaine, Fraga Estévez, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Graziani, Grossetête, Hatzidakis, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Lambrias, Méndez de Vigo, Mendonça, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pimenta, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Sisó Cruellas, Soulier, Trakatellis, Valdivielso de Cué, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, Viola

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V: Aelvoet, Ahern, van Dijk, Hautala, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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NI: Farassino

PPE: Burtone, D'Andrea

PSE: Lindeperg, Napoletano, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis

UPE: Hyland

V: Holm, Lindholm
