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2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at ..., on ...

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

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European Institute for Gender Equality *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality (COM(2005)0081 — C6-0083/2005 — 2005/0017(COD))

(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2005)0081) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Article 251(2) and Articles 13(2) and 141(3) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C6-0083/2005),
- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs on the proposed legal basis,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A6-0043/2006),

1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
2. Specifies that the appropriations indicated in the legislative proposal are purely for guidance until agreement is reached on the financial perspective for the period 2007 and the following years;
3. Calls on the Commission to confirm, once the next financial perspective has been adopted, the amounts indicated in the proposal for a regulation or, should the case arise, to submit the adjusted amounts for approval by the European Parliament and the Council, thereby ensuring their compatibility with the ceiling;

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4. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend the proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

(¹) Not yet published in the OJ.

P6_TC1-COD(2005)0017**Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 14 March 2006 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EC) No .../2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular **Articles 3(2)**, 13(2) and 141(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the *Commission*,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social *Committee* (¹),

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty (²),

Whereas:

- (1) Equality between men and women is a fundamental principle of the European Union. Articles 21 and 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union prohibit any discrimination on grounds of sex and require equality between men and women to be ensured in all areas.
- (2) Article 2 of the *Treaty provides* that equality between men and women is one of the Community's essential tasks. Similarly, Article 3(2) of the Treaty requires the Community to aim to eliminate inequalities, *and to promote equality*, between men and women in all its activities and thus ensure the integration of the dimension of equality between men and women in all Community policies.
- (3) Article 13 of the Treaty empowers the Council to take appropriate action to combat discrimination *inter alia* on grounds of sex in all areas of Community competence.
- (4) The principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation is enshrined in Article 141 of *the Treaty* and a comprehensive body of legislation on equal treatment of men and women in relation to access to employment and working conditions including equal pay is already in place.

(¹) OJ C 24, 31.1.2006, p. 29.

(²) *Position of the European Parliament of 14 March 2006.*