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- having regard to Rule 78 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (A5-0039/2004),
1. Approves the common position;
 2. Notes that the act is adopted in accordance with the common position;
 3. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council pursuant to Article 254(1) of the EC Treaty;
 4. Instructs its Secretary-General duly to sign the act and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

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Social Protection Committee *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision establishing a Social Protection Committee (COM(2003) 305 — C5-0317/2003 — 2003/0133(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2003) 305) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Article 144 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C5-0317/2003),
 - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities (A5-0037/2004),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

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TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 1

Article 1, paragraph 2, point (aa) (new)

(aa) to pay particular attention to poverty issues and to progress in social inclusion within the Member States and in the accession countries.

Amendment 2

Article 1, paragraph 2, point (c)

(c) without prejudice to Article 207 of the Treaty, to prepare reports, formulate opinions or undertake other work within its fields of competence, at the request of either the Council or the Commission or on its own initiative.

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Amendment 3

Article 1, paragraph 2, subparagraph 1a (new)

In fulfilling its duties the Committee shall incorporate the gender dimension horizontally and report on the specific difficulties encountered by women, not least in relation to the feminisation of poverty and changes in family models. It would therefore be desirable to introduce sex-disaggregated indicators that focus on the individual rather than on the household.

Amendment 4

Article 1, paragraph 4

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Amendment 5

Article 1, paragraph 4a (new)

4a. The Committee shall include a specific chapter, containing European Parliament points of views on Social Protection matters, in its reports, opinions and other works.

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TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 6

Article 1, paragraph 4b (new)

4b. An effective system of providing information shall be established in an appropriate way so as to enable the European Parliament to follow matters up on a regular basis.

Amendment 7

Article 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1a (new)

Expenses shall be reimbursed as regards one representative per Member State only.

Amendment 8

Article 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph 2

Member States and the Commission **shall use their best endeavours to achieve a gender balance in the composition of delegations.**

Gender balance shall be maintained in the composition of delegations. Member States and the Commission must ensure this balance is achieved.

Amendment 9

Article 2, paragraph 2a (new)

2a. The Committee shall regularly provide information to and consul representatives of the accession countries.

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Pollution of the Mediterranean *

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, concerning cooperation to prevent pollution by ships and, in cases of emergency, to combat pollution of the Mediterranean (COM(2003) 588 — C5-0497/2003 — 2003/0228(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2003) 588) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Articles 175(1) and 300(2), first subparagraph of the EC Treaty,

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