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TEXT PROPOSED  
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS  
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 25)

*Article 19a (new)***Article 19a****New substances**

1. The production, importation, placing on the market and use of substances in Group VIIIa of Annex I are prohibited.
2. The Commission may, in accordance with the procedure under Article 17, decide to include from an appropriate date in Group VIIIa of Annex I any substances that are not substances covered by the Regulation but are found to have a significant ozone-depleting potential.
3. The Commission may, in accordance with the procedure under Article 17, decide upon exemptions from paragraph 1 for critical uses. The Commission may, in accordance with the same procedure, review these exemptions at a later date.

(Amendment 26)

*Annex I, Group VIIIa (new)*

Group VIIIa	Bromochloromethane	
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(Separate vote)

*Annex VI, last indent*

- *use of CFC-11 in manufacture of a fine synthetic fibre sheet structure.*      **Deleted**

**Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer (COM(98)0398 – C4-0580/98 – 98/0228(SYN))**

(Cooperation procedure: first reading)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(98)0398 – 98/0228(SYN)<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 189c and 130s(1) of the EC Treaty (C4-0580/98),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (A4-0465/98),

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 286, 15.9.1998, p. 6.

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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.

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## 9. External dimension of human rights policy – European Union policy in the field of human rights

(a) A4-0409/98

### **Resolution on the communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on 'The European Union and the external dimension of human rights policy: from Rome to Maastricht and beyond' (COM(95)0567 – C4-0568/95)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission communication (COM(95)0567 – C4-0568/95),
  - having regard to Articles 3, 6, 7 and 11 of the revised Treaty on European Union and Articles 177 and 300 of the revised Treaty establishing the European Community,
  - having regard to its previous resolutions and, in particular, its resolution of 12 December 1996 on human rights throughout the world in 1995-1996 and the Union's human rights policy<sup>(1)</sup>,
  - having regard to its resolution of 3 December 1998 on the management and funding of human rights and democratisation programmes<sup>(2)</sup>,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy and the opinions of the Committee on External Economic Relations, the Committee on Development and Cooperation, the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs, the Committee on Institutional Affairs and the Committee on Women's Rights (A4-0409/98),
- A. whereas the principles of democracy, human rights and fundamental freedom are universal values,
- B. whereas the rights described in the Universal Declaration are universal and are not the product of a single culture seeking to impose itself upon the world,
- C. whereas the major UN world conferences of recent years – on Human Rights (Vienna 1993), on Population (Cairo 1994), on Social Development (Copenhagen 1995) and on Women (Beijing 1995) – have endorsed common objectives,
1. Considers that the gradual evolution of a human rights policy from the Treaty of Rome to the Treaty of Maastricht has broadly been positive and has responded to public expectations, and must now be regarded as part of the *acquis communautaire*;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 20, 20.1.1997, p. 161.

<sup>(2)</sup> Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 8.