



Basic information	
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Protection of the marine environment, Convention for the North-East Atlantic OSPAR: ecosystems, biological diversity  <b>Subject</b> 3.70.05 Marine and coastal pollution, pollution from ships, oil pollution	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>ENVI</b>	Environment, Climate and Food Safety		
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	Environment		2194	1999-06-24
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Key events			
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26/04/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0190 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
24/06/1999	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
23/07/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/10/1999	Vote in committee		
27/10/1999	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0065/1999</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
08/05/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
08/05/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/05/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	1999/0095(CNS)
<b>Procedure type</b>	CNS - Consultation procedure
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	International agreement
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Decision
<b>Legal basis</b>	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 174 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1 Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1

<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
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Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
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European Commission				
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Additional information		
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Final act	
Decision 2000/0340 OJ L 118 19.05.2000, p. 0044	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## Protection of the marine environment, Convention for the North-East Atlantic OSPAR: ecosystems, biological diversity

1999/0095(CNS) - 08/05/2000 - Final act

**PURPOSE** : to approve on behalf of the Community the new Annex to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR). **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision concerning the approval, on behalf of the Community, of the new Annex V to the Convention for the protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic on the protection and conservation of the ecosystems and biological diversity of the maritime area and the corresponding Appendix 3. (2000/340/EC) **CONTENT** : the Community has been a Contracting Party to the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR Convention) since 1997. The aim of the OSPAR Convention is to prevent and eliminate pollution and to protect the maritime area against the harmful effects of human activities. Its new Annex V was approved by the Contracting Parties at the meeting of the OSPAR Commission in Sintra (Portugal) on 22/23 July 1998. It states that the necessary measures shall be taken to protect and conserve the ecosystems and the biological diversity of the maritime area and to restore, where practicable, marine areas which have been adversely affected. The Contracting Parties shall cooperate in adopting programmes and measures for those purposes for the control of the human activities identified by the application of the criteria listed in Appendix 3. The criteria to be used for identifying human activities are the extent, intensity and duration of the human activity; actual and potential adverse effects of the human activity on specific species, communities, habitats and specific ecological processes as well as the irreversibility or durability of these effects.

## Protection of the marine environment, Convention for the North-East Atlantic OSPAR: ecosystems, biological diversity

1999/0095(CNS) - 27/10/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

This was a procedure without report. The proposed decision was approved.

# Protection of the marine environment, Convention for the North-East Atlantic OSPAR: ecosystems, biological diversity

1999/0095(CNS) - 26/04/1999 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: approval on behalf of the Community of the new Annex to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR). CONTENT: Since 1997, the Community has been party to the OSPAR Convention and is represented by the European Commission as regards matters of Community competence. On 22-23 July 1998, the first Ministerial meeting of the OSPAR Commission since the Convention entered into force was held in Sintra, Portugal. During this meeting, the Contracting Parties, meeting within the OSPAR adopted a number of decisions, one of which was to add a new Annex V on the protection and conservation of the ecosystems and biological diversity of the maritime area. This new Annex stipulates that the Contracting Parties shall take the necessary measures to protect and conserve the ecosystems and biological diversity of the maritime area, and to restore, where practicable, marine areas which have been adversely affected. To this end, the Contracting Parties must cooperate in adopting programmes and measures for the control of human activities by applying the criteria in Appendix 3 (these criteria are the extent, the intensity and the duration of the human activity; the actual and potential adverse effects on specific species, communities, habitats, ecological processes; the irreversibility or durability of these effects). The Commission feels that the objectives stated in the new Annex V as regards the protection and conservation of the ecosystems are consistent with and complement the Community's objectives in this field. Furthermore, the Commission feels that Community approval and participation in the implementation of this new Annex will help to achieve the objectives defined in Article 130r of the Treaty (preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment).