


Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	1996/2043(DEC)	Procedure completed
1994 discharge: ECSC budget		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control	PSE BLAK Freddy	13/11/1995

Key events			
11/03/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/03/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
21/03/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0089/1996	
16/04/1996	Debate in Parliament		
17/04/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0179/1996	Summary
17/04/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/06/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/2043(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 100
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/4/07717

Documentation gateway				
Court of Auditors: opinion, report		N4-0545/1995 OJ C 329 07.12.1995, p. 0001	17/11/1995	CofA
Committee report tabled for plenary, single		A4-0089/1996	21/03/1996	EP

reading		OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0005			
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0179/1996 OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0086-0120	17/04/1996	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0180/1996 OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0086-0120	17/04/1996	EP	

Final act

[Decision 1996/378](#)
[OJ L 148 21.06.1996, p. 0050](#)

1994 discharge: ECSC budget

In his proposals adopted unanimously in committee, the rapporteur, Mr BLACK (PSE, UK), recommended granting the Commission discharge for its management of the ECSC in 1994 given that, at this final stage, the financial situation was positive overall, even if risks were inherent in the reduction in ECSC activities.?

1994 discharge: ECSC budget

Adopting the report by Mr Freddy BLAK (PSE, DK), the European Parliament gave the Commission discharge for the management of the ECSC for the 1994 financial year but made a series of observations on the following points: - as far as targeting action is concerned, it called on the Commission, given the reduction in available resources, to concentrate resources on forms of intervention not provided for under the EC Treaty (mainly social action) and to transfer other activities to the Community immediately; - noting that outstanding ECSC loans represented a potential risk to its financial security, it called on the Commission to adopt a cautious approach to risk management. It also drew attention once again to the lack of transparency with which buildings acquired by the ECSC had been transferred to the Community in exchange for "rent" and deplored such arrangements; - as far as social and readaptation aid are concerned, Parliament was in favour of the ECSC's continuing to pay direct social aid to workers in the coal and steel sectors until such time as resources were available under the ECSC's operational budget. It welcomed the finding of the Court of Auditors whereby readaptation aid had been well managed; - it acknowledged that it was not always possible or desirable to ensure that ECSC loans were equally divided between the Member States during a given financial year and congratulated the ECSC management as a whole for having presented the only set of accounts for 1994 which had received an unreserved declaration of assurance from the Court of Auditors; - finally, as far as the closure of mines in England is concerned, it admitted that the ECSC could not recover the interest rate subsidies granted in order to finance investments which, in the end, were used to close the mines and deplored the fact that the United Kingdom was not obliged to repay these funds.