

# Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	<a href="#">2001/2564(RSP)</a>	Procedure completed
Resolution on press freedom in the world		
Subject 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
17/05/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0282/2001</a>	Summary
17/05/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/02/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2001/2564(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Urgent debate or resolution
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 144
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0356/2001</a>	15/05/2001	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0364/2001</a>	15/05/2001	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0378/2001</a>	15/05/2001	EP	
Motion for a resolution		<a href="#">B5-0388/2001</a>	15/05/2001	EP	
Joint motion for resolution		<a href="#">RC-B5-0356/2001</a>	15/05/2001		
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		<a href="#">T5-0282/2001</a> OJ C 034 07.02.2002, p. 0264-0381 E	17/05/2001	EP	Summary

The European Parliament adopted the report by 100 votes for, 6 against and 4 abstentions concerning the joint resolution on freedom of expression. The European Parliament reminded Governments that freedom of expression is a key aspect of democracy and one of the main rights of every human being. As a consequence, the Parliament calls on all Member States to respect and defend the right of every person to exercise their right to freedom of opinion and expression. It deplores the attacks on the diversity and freedom of the press in Russia as well as the campaigns led by certain repressive regimes, in particular in Pakistan, Iran, and in China which forbids citizens access to the Internet. The European Parliament calls on the European Union to support continuously- in co-operation with the UN and the OSCE - monitoring of the implementation of laws on freedom of expression. Lastly, the Parliament calls on the Council and the Commission to institute a European Year of Press Freedom in which initiatives would be organised at Community and at National level.?