


Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| INI - Own-initiative procedure | 1995/2230(INI) | Procedure completed |
| Increasing the effectiveness of common actions | | |
| Subject 6.10 Common foreign and security policy (CFSP) | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy | | 29/09/1995 |
| | | PSE BARÓN CRESPO Enrique | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | BUDG Budgets | | 24/01/1996 |
| | | V MÜLLER Edith | |
| | INST Institutional Affairs | | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 01/09/1995 | Non-legislative basic document published | B4-1073/1995 | |
| 20/09/1995 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 28/05/1996 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 28/05/1996 | Committee report tabled for plenary | A4-0133/1997 | |
| 14/05/1997 | Debate in Parliament |  | |
| 15/05/1997 | Decision by Parliament | T4-0242/1997 | Summary |
| 15/05/1997 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
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| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 1995/2230(INI) |
| Procedure type | INI - Own-initiative procedure |
| Legal basis | Rules of Procedure EP 134o-p3 |

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| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | AFET/4/07030 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | | |
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| Non-legislative basic document | | B4-1073/1995 | 01/09/1995 | EP | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading | | A4-0133/1997 OJ C 150 19.05.1997, p. 0002 | 28/05/1996 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading | | T4-0242/1997 OJ C 167 02.06.1997, p. 0118-0147 | 15/05/1997 | EP | Summary |

Increasing the effectiveness of common actions

Adopting the orally amended recommendation by Mr BARON CRESPO, the Committee on Foreign Affairs stated that it intended to develop the current system of joint actions, which is considered to have had a limited impact both quantitatively and qualitatively. The aim is to improve this fundamental instrument in order to bolster the efficacy of the Union's foreign policy. The main idea contained in the recommendation is that joint actions decided on by the Council, insofar as they operate in the interests of the European Union and are prompted by the existence of substantial common interests, should be funded from the Union's budget, thereby enabling the budgetary authority to exercise democratic control. All administrative expenditure under Article J11 is non-compulsory; administrative expenditure under the CFSP should come under "Administration" and operational expenditure should come under "External Action" in the financial perspectives. Even if consultation of the European Parliament would appear difficult to reconcile with the demands inherent in foreign policy actions (confidentiality, speed), Parliament must be given greater involvement in the form of information from the relevant committee. Recommendations in connection with the CFSP adopted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs are entered on the agenda for the session following their adoption and are considered to be adopted unless opposed by one-tenth of the Members of the European Parliament, in which case they are tabled for voting in plenary.?

Increasing the effectiveness of common actions

In adopting the report by Mr Enrique BARON CRESPO (PSE, E), the European Parliament urged the Council: - to take steps to ensure that the principle of qualified majority becomes the rule for the adoption of joint actions, - to reflect carefully on the amendments to be made to the procedures for adopting the joint action so that these might become an effective instrument serving the interests of the EU, - to consult Parliament on the principle of adopting a joint action, to inform Parliament in each case of the content of the action and to take Parliament's opinion into account when the action is being applied, - to ensure that the financing of joint actions undertaken within the framework of the CFSP is taken over by the budget of the European Communities. ?