

Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2002/2570(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on the draft American Service members' Protection Act (ASPA)		
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Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
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Motion for a resolution		B5-0387/2002	03/07/2002	EP	
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Resolution on the draft American Service members' Protection Act (ASPA)

The European Parliament passed a resolution on the draft American Servicemembers' Protection Act (ASPA). It felt that the ASPA goes well beyond the exercise of the US's sovereign right not to participate in the International Criminal Court (ICC), since it contains provisions which could obstruct and undermine the court and threatens to penalise countries that have chosen to support the court. The legislation explicitly denies the US itself two of the principal weapons - military and intelligence cooperation - of the global coalition against terrorism and deals a damaging blow to the third element of that coalition - international goodwill. In the current situation, the EU should fully take on its leadership role to enable the ICC to succeed. All EU institutions should make the ICC issue a permanent item on the agenda of political contacts with the US. Parliament went on to stress that, in the absence of an agreement on UNMIBH in Bosnia, the handover of the UN Police Mission to the EU will be severely compromised. The Danish Presidency is asked to present a progress report on the ICC in time for the Copenhagen European Council.?