


# Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	<a href="#">1997/2077(DEC)</a>	Procedure completed
1995 discharge: follow-up. Report		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control		28/10/1997
		PSE <a href="#">WYNN Terence</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">2072</a>	09/03/1998

Key events			
24/11/1997	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1997)0571	Summary
09/03/1998	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
09/03/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
16/03/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A4-0094/1998</a>	
31/03/1998	Debate in Parliament		
31/03/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0183/1998	Summary
31/03/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/05/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1997/2077(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure

Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 100
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/4/08868

### Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(1997)0571	24/11/1997	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A4-0094/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 138 04.05.1998, p. 0005</a>	16/03/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0183/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 138 04.05.1998, p. 0019-0052</a>	31/03/1998	EP	Summary

## 1995 discharge: follow-up. Report

OBJECTIVE: this report from the Commission seeks to reply to the comments made in Parliament's resolutions accompanying the decisions giving discharge in respect of the general budget, the ECSC and the EDF for the 1995 financial year CONTENT: in its report, the Commission refers to the various comments made by the European Parliament in its resolutions and replies to them "term by term". Most of the Commission replies refer to management: - of the Community's traditional own resources; - of agricultural expenditure; - of the common fisheries policy; - of the structural funds; - of the Community's internal policies (R&D, management of certain regional programmes, vocational training, justice and internal affairs); - of external policy (policy of awarding contracts within the framework of PHARE and TACIS, development cooperation, CFSP); - of the operating expenses of the institutions (including Community decentralized bodies and agencies). The Commission gives a concrete response and clarifies the action undertaken and the results obtained by the Commission (or the Community as a whole) in these areas, one at a time. The European Parliament also formulated observations on the financial management of the ECSC and the EDF, to which the Commission replies in the same manner. The report is followed by a second section containing the replies of the European Commission to the comments made by the Council on the discharge for the 1995 budget. Finally, a third section contains the replies by the 15 Member States to the observations formulated by the Court of Auditors in its 1995 annual report.?

## 1995 discharge: follow-up. Report

The Committee has adopted the WYNN (PES,UK) report. The rapporteur welcomes the fact that, as requested by Parliament, the Commission's report on measures taken in response to comments in Parliament's resolution on the 1995 discharge was submitted earlier than in previous years. He notes that the discharge procedure has been improved by publishing the Member States' replies to the Court of Auditors' observations, although he calls for these replies to be published more quickly so that they can be taken into account during the discharge procedure. The report asks the Court to submit its annual report in October in future (instead of November as at present) so that Parliament can take its observations into consideration during the budget procedure. The measures taken in connection with certain sectors (e.g. olive oil and cotton) and swine fever are also welcomed?

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In adopting the report by Mr Terence WYNN (PSE, UK) Parliament welcomed the fact that the Commission had submitted its report far earlier than in the past on the measures taken in response to Parliament's resolution on the discharge for 1995. It welcomed the fact in particular that the discharge procedure had been improved by the publication of the Member States' replies to the observations made by the Court of Auditors, even though it expressed the wish that these replies had been published without delay so that they could have been taken into account in the discharge procedure. It called on the Court of Auditors in future to submit its annual report in October (instead of November as at present) so that the Court's observations could be given consideration during the discharge procedure. Parliament also welcomed the action and measures taken in specific sectors such as olive oil, cotton, or measures to combat swine fever. It called in particular for a report on the existing systems in the Member States for farmers' contributions to the cost of combating contagious animal diseases which fall under Community regulations and for proposals to improve Community policy on measures to combat swine fever. Lastly, it repeated its request to the Court of Auditors to publish a list of the instances in which the financial controllers of all the institutions had withheld their approval and of any decisions overruling such refusals. A special report should be drawn up by the Court on the practice of withholding approval by the financial controllers of the Union's institutions. Parliament requested the Commission to report to it by 30 June 1998 on the measures it had taken subsequent to this resolution. ?