


Procedure file

Basic information	
COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	1997/2245(COS)
Interinstitutional agreement on the drafting quality of legislative texts	Procedure completed
Subject	8.50.02 Legislative simplification, coordination, codification

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	PPE PALACIO VALLELERSUNDI Ana	25/02/1998
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INST Institutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events			
02/10/1997	Non-legislative basic document published	AMSTERDAM	
16/10/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/12/1998	Vote in committee		
08/12/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0498/1998	
17/12/1998	Debate in Parliament		
18/12/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0772/1998	Summary
18/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/04/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1997/2245(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)
Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 142
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		AMSTERDAM	02/10/1997	EU	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0498/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0006	08/12/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0772/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0483-0496	18/12/1998	EP	Summary

Interinstitutional agreement on the drafting quality of legislative texts

In adopting its report drafted by Ms. Ana PALACIO VALLELERSUNDI (EPP,E), the Parliament approved the resolution on a draft inter-institutional agreement on common guidelines for the quality of drafting of Community legislation. The Parliament was of the view that : - the drafting of clearer legislation is not only a technical concern but a substantive component of the pre-eminently political objective of bringing the European union closer to the general public; - the principle of legal certainty requires legislative texts to be clear so as to ensure that ordinary members of the public can understand exactly what their rights and obligations are; - poor quality Community legislation can be a cause of divergent transposition in the Member States, and poor or insufficient harmonisation is contrary to the objective of integration.?