


Procedure file

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| | AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy | | 22/04/1998 |
| | | PPE DE MELO Eurico | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | DEVE Development and Cooperation | | 26/11/1998 |
| | | PSE VECCHI Luciano | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 13/03/1998 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 16/02/1999 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 16/02/1999 | Committee report tabled for plenary | A4-0077/1999 | |
| 23/03/1999 | Debate in Parliament |  | |
| 23/03/1999 | Decision by Parliament | T4-0223/1999 | Summary |
| 23/03/1999 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
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Reform of the United Nations UN and the challenge of managing public affairs at world level

Provided it is suitably reformed, the United Nations remains the best framework for tackling the challenges posed by globalisation, according to the Committee. The committee has adopted the own-initiative report by Eurico DE MELO (EPP, P), which argues that the composition of the UN Security Council should be based on the democratic principles of fair and transparent geographical representation. It also suggests that a reform of the voting system might be based on the rules used by the OSCE. The committee believes the UN should possess effective instruments for taking diplomatic action and welcomes the Secretary-General's announcement of the establishment of a Strategic Planning Unit. It also proposes the introduction of a parliamentary dimension to the system of UN organisations and says that universal acceptance of human rights makes it imperative to provide a legal system which will be able to protect them and punish any infringements of them. The report wants the right as well as the duty of intervention to be recognised as universally valid and calls for the criterion of a threat to international peace to be expanded to include the protection of people from violation of their safety and fundamental rights. It welcomes the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and calls for the EU and its Member States to play an active part in the campaign that will be needed for ratification of the ICC Treaty and to provide the resources needed for the court to operate. Lastly, the committee calls on all UN member states to pay their dues in full and on time.?

Reform of the United Nations UN and the challenge of managing public affairs at world level

The Parliament adopted a Resolution, drafted by Mr. Eurico DE MELO (EPP, Portugal), which calls for reforms in the United Nations as the best framework for tackling the challenges posed by globalisation. It welcomes the regrouping of the 30 or so main UN bodies into four thematic areas as a first step towards a more rational decision-making structure within the UN system. It believes that, in the long term, many of these bodies could be merged into coherent single entities within this four theme structure. Convinced that a mechanism for co-ordinating their policies should be established between the existing organisations with a universal vocation, while the activities of those institutions should be made more transparent and more democratically legitimate, it proposes the introduction of a parliamentary dimension into the system of the UN organisationq by creating parliamentary bodies composed of the chairmen of parliamentary committees of national and regional parliaments. It hopes by creating such parliamentary accountability at world level that the UN could become more relevant in the parliaments of the world. ?