


# Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	<a href="#">1998/2054(INI)</a>	Procedure completed
Reform of the United Nations UN and the challenge of managing public affairs at world level		
Subject 6.40.13 Relations with/in the context of international organisations: UN, OSCE, OECD, Council of Europe, EBRD		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		22/04/1998
		PPE <a href="#">DE MELO Eurico</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		26/11/1998
		PSE <a href="#">VECCHI Luciano</a>	

Key events			
13/03/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/02/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
16/02/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A4-0077/1999</a>	
23/03/1999	Debate in Parliament		
23/03/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0223/1999	Summary
23/03/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
22/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/2054(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 54
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/09869

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A4-0077/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 177 22.06.1999, p. 0002</a>	16/02/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0223/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 177 22.06.1999, p. 0013-0060</a>	23/03/1999	EP	Summary

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

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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.?

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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. ?