


Procedure file

Basic information	
INI - Own-initiative procedure	1998/2141(INI) Procedure completed
Strengthening of the Union's Institutions with a view of creating an area of democracy and freedom	
Subject 8.20.06 Institutional reform and enlargement	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	INST Institutional Affairs		28/10/1998
		GUE/NGL GUTIÉRREZ DÍAZ Antoni	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs		23/07/1998
		ELDR GOERENS Charles	

Key events			
19/06/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/01/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
21/01/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0034/1999	
10/02/1999	Debate in Parliament		
11/02/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0103/1999	Summary
11/02/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/05/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/2141(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	INST/4/10258

Documentation gateway				
Committee draft report		PE229.067	26/11/1998	EP
Amendments tabled in committee		PE229.067/AM	13/01/1999	EP

Committee opinion	LIBE	PE229.273/DEF	19/01/1999	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0034/1999 OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0004	21/01/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0103/1999 OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0276-0359	11/02/1999	EP	Summary

Strengthening of the Union's Institutions with a view of creating an area of democracy and freedom

In his report, Antoni GUTIERREZ DIAZ (EUL/NGL, E) calls for a specific title in the Treaty on "Citizens' Rights". He wants to ensure that the Europe which emerges from the Amsterdam Treaty really does mean more freedom to move around the EU, more involvement in EU decision-making, and more protection, not least in the area of security and justice. Like Mr BOURLANGES (INI0980), he sees the failure to extend qualified-majority voting in Council as a major obstacle to progress. He wants a safety net of employment rights and social protection across the EU and advocates coordinating divorce laws, improving pension rules and boosting consumer protection to make freedom of movement a meaningful reality for EU citizens.

Strengthening of the Union's Institutions with a view of creating an area of democracy and freedom

The Parliament voted to adopt the resolution drafted by Mr. Antoni GUTIERREZ-DIAZ (EUL/NGL, E) which calls for a strengthening of the EU's institutions with a view to establishing an area of democracy and liberty. Among the amendments adopted was one calling for an inter-institutional agreement to ensure that Parliament is fully involved in the legislative process.?