


Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	1998/2188(INI)	Procedure completed
Committee on petitions. Annual report 1998-1999		
Subject 1.20.03 Right of petition 8.40.01.06 Committees, interparliamentary delegations		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PETI Petitions		23/11/1998
		PSE NEWMAN Edward	

Key events			
15/11/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/1999	Vote in committee		
16/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0117/1999	
15/04/1999	Debate in Parliament		
15/04/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0339/1999	Summary
15/04/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/07/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/2188(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 227-p7
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PETI/4/08446

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0117/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0004	16/03/1999	EP	

Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0339/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0371-0458	15/04/1999	EP	Summary
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The Parliament adopted its resolution drafted by Mr. Edward NEWMAN (PES, UK), on the deliberations of the Committee on Petitions during the parliamentary year 1998-99. It emphasises the need for petitions to be dealt with as effectively and thoroughly as possible so that Parliament can improve its monitoring of the general operation of Community policies, especially on social security, environmental questions and matters related with the exercise of the right of freedom of movement. Parliament also emphasises that the greater use of new information technologies would enable the petitions received by Parliament to be dealt with more effectively and in a more expedient way. It expresses its regret that the Council continues to ignore most of the communications of the Committee of Petitions concerning serious failures to implement Community law and the Parliament's call for regular attendance by Council officials at committee meetings. It also emphasises the need for the Member States to reply fully and promptly to requests for information and action addressed to them by the Commission concerning petitions. The EP strongly recommends the adoption of an inter-institutional code of conduct concerning the follow-up of petitions by the Council representing the Member States and it urges the Member States to consider at Council level a common code in respect of their administrative dealings with citizens of the European Union.?