

# Procedure file


## Basic information

INI - Own-initiative procedure	1996/2253(INI)	Procedure completed
European Union's role worldwide: annual debate 1998, financing the CFSP and EC budget		
Subject 6.10 Common foreign and security policy (CFSP)		

## Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		14/11/1996
		PPE <a href="#">SPENCER Tom</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		18/02/1999
		PSE <a href="#">MCGOWAN Michael</a>	

## Key events

15/11/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/04/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
20/04/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A4-0242/1999</a>	
04/05/1999	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0407/1999	Summary
05/05/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/10/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

## Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/2253(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 118
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

## Documentation gateway

Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A4-0242/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0008</a>	20/04/1999	EP	
Supplementary non-legislative basic document		<a href="#">07051/1999</a>	22/04/1999	CSL	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0407/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0164-0218</a>	05/05/1999	EP	Summary

## European Union's role worldwide: annual debate 1998, financing the CFSP and EC budget

The Committee adopted the report by its chairman Tom SPENCER (EPP, UK), which deals with the role of the EU in the world and the implementation of the common foreign security policy (CFSP) in 1998. Apart from giving an overview of the EU's dealings with the rest of the world, the report considers the creation of an effectively functioning CFSP to be an essential element in the maintenance of transatlantic and global stability and notes with approval the trend for European governments to shoulder their political responsibility on the continent. It welcomes the progress in the enlargement process and in particular the reactivation of Malta's application. It also expresses support for the EU's common strategies towards Russia, Ukraine, the Mediterranean region and the western Balkans, while pointing to the most significant problems in those regions. It calls for human rights to be on the agenda in all the EU's dealings with the external world and for this policy to be applied consistently. It goes on to underline the need for a European Security Identity and argues that the CFSP should develop into a comprehensive policy with strategic objectives. Attention should be paid to the proper financing of the CFSP and the report expresses the hope that the EU's visibility in this sphere will improve with the appointment of a CFSP High Representative. ?

## European Union's role worldwide: annual debate 1998, financing the CFSP and EC budget

The European Parliament adopted its Resolution on the EU's common strategy towards Russia and the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security policy for 1998, drafted by Mr. Tom SPENCER (EPP, UK). The resolution stresses the need to create an effective CFSP. It goes on to welcome the acceptance by Council of the importance of accelerating the process of integrating Macedonia into the EU and calls on the Council to remove all obstacles to Macedonia's eventual membership. An amendment also welcomes the prospect of eventual Albanian membership and calls for a genuine Marshall Plan for the country and the opening of negotiations with Tirana with a view to concluding an association agreement. ?