

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1999/0805(CNS)	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Court of First Instance of the European Communities		
Subject 8.40.04 Court of Justice, Court of First Instance		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	PSE MARINHO Luís	23/09/1999
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG Legal Service	Commissioner BARROSO José Manuel	

Key events			
23/07/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/09/1999	Legislative proposal published	09614/1999	Summary
10/01/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
10/01/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0003/2000	
03/02/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0040/2000	Summary

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	JURI/4/10874

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Legislative proposal	09614/1999	30/09/1999	CSL	Summary
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0040/2000 OJ C 309 27.10.2000, p. 0015-0082	03/02/2000	EP	Summary

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PURPOSE : to amend Decision 88/594/ECSC, EEC, Euratom establishing a Court of First Instance of the European Communities. **CONTENT** : the number of cases before the Court of First Instance is increasing and it is necessary to ensure that it is properly equipped to exercise its new jurisdiction in the field of intellectual property litigation, in particular the jurisdiction provided for by Article 63 of Council Regulation 40/94/EC on the Community trade mark. To that end, the number of judges of the Court of First Instance, fixed at 15 must be increased to 21 in order to enable it to set up two additional Chambers composed of three judges.?

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The committee adopted the report (consultation procedure) by Luis MARINHO (PES, P) approving the proposal to transfer certain areas of competence from the Court of Justice to the Court of First Instance. The report pointed out, however, that any extension of the competence of the Court of First Instance would increase the number of appeals and that this might exacerbate the structural problems currently facing the Community judicial system (namely, the imbalance between the number of incoming cases and the EC Courts' ability to deal with them). It felt that further reform was needed, especially with regard to disputes involving the European civil service, and that various improvements could be made to the internal organisation of the Courts. The committee concluded that the proposal should not be regarded as anything other than a short-term solution, pending a more thorough reform.

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The European Parliament approved its legislative resolution on the Court of Justice's proposal to increase the number of judges in the EC Court of First Instance. Parliament's Rapporteur was Mr. Luis MARINHO (PES, Port).?