

# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1999/0221(CNS) Procedure completed
International Fund for Ireland: Community financial contributions from 2000 to 2002	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>RETT</b> Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		07/12/1999
		PPE-DE <a href="#">MCCARTIN John Joseph</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2239</a>	24/01/2000
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Secretariat-General</a>		

Key events			
26/10/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0549	Summary
13/12/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/12/1999	Vote in committee		
17/12/1999	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0192/1999</a>	Summary
24/01/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/01/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/01/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	

Procedure reference	1999/0221(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; Rules of Procedure EP 163
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RETT/5/12294

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1999)0549 OJ C 056 29.02.2000, p. 0060 E	26/10/1999	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0192/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0372-0380</a>	17/12/1999	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

[Regulation 2000/214](#)  
[OJ L 024 29.01.2000, p. 0007](#) Summary

## International Fund for Ireland: Community financial contributions from 2000 to 2002

PURPOSE : to support the continuation of the Community's financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland. CONTENT : the objectives of the fund are to promote economic and social advance and to encourage contact, dialogue and reconciliation between the nationalists and unionists throughout Ireland. The Commission has always insisted that the Community's contribution be used as a priority for cross-community projects. On 31/10/1994, the Council adopted Regulation 2687/94/EC on Community financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland relating to 1995, 1996 and 1997. For each of those years, 20 MECU has been provided as part of the annual budgetary procedure. In addition, on 15/12/1997, the Council adopted Regulation 2164/97/EC on the Community financial contribution to the International Fund for Ireland relating to 1998 and 1999. For each of those years, 17 MECU was provided as part of the annual budgetary procedure. Furthermore, notwithstanding the major Community structural Fund commitment to the whole of the island of Ireland, and the considerable effort made under the PEACE Programme, it was decided by the European Council, meeting in Berlin on 24-25 March 1999, that financial contributions to the International Fund should be continued for three more years with an annual contribution of EUR 15 million, as an effective complement to other Community support for the peace process. Since the present arrangement for Community contributions expires on 31.12.1999, it is proposed that the Council adopts this proposed Regulation. A review of the performance of the Fund and the need for further support will be made by the Commission before 01.04.2001. It is further proposed that the following conditions shall apply in respect of this contribution : - priority shall be given to projects which have a strong reconciliation and cross-community element; - it shall be ensured that it has a genuine additional impact in the areas concerned and therefore be used as a substitute for other public or private expenditure. The Commission shall ensure co-ordination between the Fund's activities and those financed by Community structural policies. It shall also keep the relevant monitoring committees informed of the activities of the Fund. It shall also, in co-operation with the board of the Fund, determine appropriate publicity and information procedures in order to publicise the Community's participation in the projects financed by the Fund. In addition, the Commission shall administer the contributions and it shall submit, not later than 01.04.2002, a report to the Budgetary Authority assessing the need for continuing contributions beyond 2002. This report will cover the following matters: - a survey of the Fund's activities; - a list of projects which have received aid; - an assessment of the nature and impact of the interventions, in respect, in particular, of the objectives of the Fund and the criteria laid down in Articles 2 and 3; - an annex containing the results of the verifications and controls carried out by the Commission representative or its agents, particularly as regards co-ordination of the Fund's activities with those carried out under Community structural policies. The annual contribution shall be paid in two parts as follows: - an advance of 80% will be paid over after the Chairman of the Board of the Fund has signed the Commission's relevant undertaking relating to grants and has undertaken to use the contribution in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 and after the Commission has received and accepted the beneficiary's annual activity report and audited accounts in respect of the previous year; - the remaining 20% will be paid over after the Commission has received and accepted the beneficiary's annual activity report and audited accounts relating to the year for which the Community contribution was made.?

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The European Parliament approved the proposal without any amendments (procedure without report).?

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**PURPOSE** : to support the continuation of the Community's financial contributions to Ireland with a view to promoting dialogue and reconciliation between the Irish communities. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Regulation 214/2000/EC on Community financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland. **CONTENT** : this Regulation aims to continue the annual contribution of EUR 15 million for each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002. This was decided at the European Council's meeting in Berlin on 24 to 25 March 1999. The contribution will be used by the Fund in accordance with with the Agreement under which the latter was established, in priority for projects of a cross-border or cross-community nature, in particular those consistent with the objectives of the PEACE programme and other operations supported by the Structural Funds. Moreover, the contributions shall be used in such a way that they have genuine additional impact on the areas concerned and should not therefore be used as a substitute for other public and private expenditure. In addition, the Commission shall ensure coordination between the Fund's activities and those financed by the Community structural policies. The Commission shall also be responsible for administering the contributions. The Commission shall submit a report not later than 01.04.2001 to the Budgetary Authority assessing the need for continuing contributions beyond 2002. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 01.01.2000. The Regulation shall remain in force until 31.12.2002.?