

Procedure file

Basic information		
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Kosovo: exceptional Community financial assistance		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	PPE-DE BROK Elmar	25/01/2000
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PPE-DE BOURLANGES Jean-Louis	26/01/2000
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	PSE WESTENDORP Y CABEZA Carlos	27/01/2000
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration General Affairs	Meeting 2243
European Commission	Commission DG Economic and Financial Affairs	Commissioner	

Key events			
16/11/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0598	Summary
21/01/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/01/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
31/01/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0022/2000	
02/02/2000	Debate in Parliament		
03/02/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0041/2000	Summary
14/02/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation		

	of Parliament		
14/02/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Documentation gateway

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0022/2000 OJ C 309 27.10.2000, p. 0004	31/01/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0041/2000 OJ C 309 27.10.2000, p. 0015-0083	03/02/2000	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 2000/140](#)
[OJ L 047 19.02.2000, p. 0028](#) Summary

Kosovo: exceptional Community financial assistance

PURPOSE : to provide exceptional Community financial assistance to Kosovo of EUR 35 million for the year 2000. **CONTENT** : given the extremely dependent financial situation of Kosovo at present following conflict in this region, the Commission proposes to provide exceptional Community financial assistance of up to EUR 35 million for the year 2000 in the form of straight grants. The amount of aid had been fixed by way of the overall financing gap for 1999 and 2000. The envisaged assistance would be released in at least two tranches and would be placed at the disposal of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) in charge of the interim civil administration since the end of the conflict. It would aim essentially to alleviate the financial situation and enable the establishment of essential administrative functions, as well as to support the development of a sound economic framework in this region. Its effective implementation would be accompanied by appropriate macroeconomic and structural adjustment conditions. This would include steps taken by UNMIK to introduce full accountability and transparency in the Kosovo budget. This exceptional Community assistance will be part of the the envelope of aid foreseen for Kosovo in the 2000 budget.?

Kosovo: exceptional Community financial assistance

The committee adopted a report (under the urgent procedure) by Elmar BROK (EPP/ED, D) seeking to release exceptional Community financial assistance for Kosovo. The report said that the provision of external budgetary support, fairly shared among donors, was essential to help cover the financing needs of UNMIK. It authorised the provision of exceptional financial assistance not exceeding EUR 35m, subject to compliance with the commitments given by other donors. It stipulated that the funds in question could only be made available to UNMIK or the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and could under no circumstances benefit the self-appointed Kosovo "government", which was not recognised by the international community. Mr BROK sharply criticised the Council, which, by dragging out the adoption of a

legal basis over two months, had forced Parliament to use the urgent procedure. He said the people of Kosovo should not suffer as a result of the Council's inertia, and welcomed the fact that Parliament was demonstrating its ability to take swift action.

Kosovo: exceptional Community financial assistance

The European Parliament adopted its legislative proposal drafted by Mr. Elmar BROK (EPP/ED, D) concerning exceptional financial assistance to Kosovo. The Parliament introduced two main amendments: - a clause is added to Article 1 (1) making the availability of the financial assistance subject to other donors also honouring their commitments; - a new Article 2 (1a) stipulating that the exceptional financial assistance may be used solely to finance budgetary needs in Kosovo which arise in public, quasipublic, municipal and other administrations and institutions appointed by UNMIK or directly by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) and completely controlled by them.?

Kosovo: exceptional Community financial assistance

PURPOSE : to provide exceptional Community financial assistance to Kosovo. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2000/140/EC providing exceptional Community financial assistance to Kosovo. CONTENT : considering the current situation of extreme financial dependence in which Kosovo finds itself following the conflict in this region, this Decision aims at providing exceptional financial assistance in the form of straight grants of up to EUR 35 million for the year 2000, with a view to alleviating the financial situation in the country. The assistance shall be made available to the United Nations Interim Civil Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) in at least 2 installments. It will aim to facilitate the establishment of essential administrative functions and supporting the development of a sound economic framework. The assistance shall be managed by the Commission in close consultation with the Economic and Financial Committee and in a manner consistent with agreements or understandings reached between the IMF and UNMIK or any other internationally recognised authorities of Kosovo. This exceptional financial assistance is solely for the purposes of supporting Kosovo's public finances. The Commission shall address to the European Parliament and the Council a report by the end of 2000, which will include an evaluation on the implementation of the Decision. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 14.02.2000.?