

# Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	<a href="#">2000/2106(INI)</a>	Procedure completed
Activities of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly in 2000		
Subject 8.40.13 ACP-EU bodies		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation	PSE <a href="#">MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ Miguel Angel</a>	18/04/2000

Key events			
14/04/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/02/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
06/02/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0057/2001</a>	
14/03/2001	Debate in Parliament		
15/03/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0152/2001</a>	Summary
15/03/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
05/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/2106(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Annual report
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 54
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/5/12681

Documentation gateway				
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A5-0057/2001</a>	06/02/2001	EP

## Activities of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly in 2000

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The committee adopted the own-initiative report by Miguel Angel MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ (PES, E) on the work of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly. The committee wanted the Assembly to operate as a proper parliament which meant, first and foremost, that the ACP states should in future be represented by members of their national parliaments, with the attendance of ambassadors or other officials, from countries that did not yet have functioning parliaments, constituting "an absolute exception". It was keen for the ACP representatives to be able to play a more active part on equal terms and wanted to see alliances formed across the House, based on political ideology, irrespective of ACP or European nationality, instead of the present system of separate EU and ACP houses. A number of improvements to the Assembly's working methods were needed, including the creation of parliamentary committees and, more controversially, regional meetings (which were provided for in the Cotonou Agreement). The committee also called on Parliament's representatives to show greater commitment to the Joint Parliamentary Assembly. The new name should not be regarded merely as a piece of rhetoric, and the Assembly should be granted the political importance it deserved as the foremost forum in which cooperation was pursued with representatives of developing countries and peoples. ?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Miguel Angel MARTINEZ MARTINEZ (PES, E). (Please refer to the previous text). Moreover, it should be recalled in the year 2000 the ACP-EU Joint Assembly was reborn as a fully-fledged parliamentary body, the 'Joint Parliamentary Assembly', under the Cotonou Partnership Agreement between the EU and its former colonies. The Agreement gives the Assembly new powers and an explicitly political role in the development process. Its task is to hold the ACP and EU governments and the Commission accountable for implementing the Agreement and to act as the 'prime mover' of the political dialogue which is to be geared to promoting democracy in the ACP states and is the cornerstone of the newly defined relationship between the EU and its ACP partners. ?