


Procedure file

Basic information		
DEC - Discharge procedure	2000/2167(DEC)	Procedure completed
1999 discharge: ECSC budget		
Subject 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		06/11/2000
		GUE/NGL SEPPÄNEN Esko	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		05/12/2000
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Key events			
16/11/2000	Non-legislative basic document published	N5-0654/2000	Summary
11/12/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/03/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
21/03/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0097/2001	
03/04/2001	Debate in Parliament		
04/04/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0185/2001	Summary
04/04/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/06/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		N5-0654/2000 OJ C 347 04.12.2000, p. 0001	16/11/2000	CofA	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0097/2001	21/03/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0185/2001 OJ C 021 24.01.2002, p. 0132-0237 E	04/04/2001	EP	Summary

Final act

[Budget 2001/450](#)
[OJ L 160 15.06.2001, p. 0043](#) Summary

1999 discharge: ECSC budget

PURPOSE : to present the Court of Auditors Annual Report on the ECSC for the financial year 1999. CONTENT : this report concerns ECSC solvency and the developments concerning the main ECSC activities. The report notes that the budget for the financial year 1999 was in surplus for the fourth consecutive year, due to cancellations of commitments and the underimplementation of budgetary expenditure, especially rehabilitation aid. This surplus enabled the ECSC to reinforce its solvency substantially and to make the necessary provisions and adjustments. An analysis of the action taken by the Commission in response to the observations made in the Courts previous annual report gave rise to the following comments: 1) on loans to officials: the Court notes that the accounts covering loans to officials had been drawn up on the basis of estimates rather than actual figures. 2) on liquid assets: the Court recommends that the ECSC annual report should include all the information needed to assess whether these liquid assets are being managed in a financially efficient manner, taking account of market conditions. 3) dormant commitments: the Court notes the corrective measures taken by the Commission, which during the financial year 2000 cancelled 90% of these commitments, to the value of EUR 23,5 million. 4) repayment of taxes levied at source: the Court states a delay in the repayment of certain claims. These statements are not meant to jeopardise the statement of assurance relating to the ECSC. Consequently, in the Court's view, it obtained adequate assurance that the transactions, taken as a whole, are legal and regular.?

1999 discharge: ECSC budget

The committee adopted the report by Esko Olavi SEPPÄNEN (EUL/NGL, FIN) recommending that the Commission be granted discharge for the implementation of the budget of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) for 1999. The committee recorded its observations in a resolution attached to the report, in which it reiterated the call it had made in the context of the 1998 discharge for the Commission to evaluate to what extent the ECSC had fulfilled the Treaty's objectives of economic expansion, growth in employment and a rising standard of living. It also asked the Commission to gauge the impact of ECSC interest subsidies on the competition situation in the coal industry and their significance compared to the state aids paid by certain Member States. Lastly, while welcoming the Court of Auditors' broadly positive estimate of the Commission's management of the ECSC budget for 1999, the committee stressed the need for the Commission to ensure maximum transparency in the disclosure of data affecting the value of the ECSC's assets, particularly in the approach to the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and the creation of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel. ?

1999 discharge: ECSC budget

PURPOSE : to grant discharge in respect of the management of the ECSC on the implementation of the budget for 1999. COMMUNITY MEASURE : European Parliament Decision 2001/450/ECSC concerning the discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Coal and Steel Community for the 1999 financial year. CONTENT : with this present decision, the European Parliament grants discharge in respect of the management of the ECSC for the figures relating to the implementation of the budget for the 1999 financial year. The decision is accompanied by a Parliament resolution which contains a series of observations which forms an integral part of the discharge decision and which its contents are set out in the Parliament's opinion (please refer to the previous text).?

1999 discharge: ECSC budget

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Esko Olavi SEPPÄNEN (EUL/NGL, FIN), granting the Commission discharge for the implementation of the 1999 budget of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). (Please refer to the previous document). However, Parliament considers it unacceptable that the financial report for 1999 lacks any data making it possible to assess the quality of the financial management and therefore calls on the Commission to provide the Court of Auditors and Parliament, as promised, with all necessary information, beginning with that dating back to the year 1999 and in any event no later than the year 2000, so that the financial performance of the liquid asset management can be evaluated in the framework of market conditions.?

