

Procedure file

Basic information		
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European Police Office, Europol: Art. 2 and annex, Protocol on money laundering. Initiative Portugal		
Subject		
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7.30.30 Action to combat crime		
7.30.30.08 Capital outflow, money laundering		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs		29/08/2000
		PSE KARAMANOOU Anna	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs		05/09/2000
		ELDR GASÒLIBA I BÖHM Carles-Alfred	
Council of the European Union	JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market		13/09/2000
		PPE-DE LEHNE Klaus-Heiner	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2314	30/11/2000
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2288	28/09/2000

Key events			
26/06/2000	Legislative proposal published	09426/2000	Summary
07/07/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/09/2000	Debate in Council	2288	Summary
23/10/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
23/10/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0312/2000	
13/11/2000	Debate in Parliament		
14/11/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0497/2000	Summary
30/11/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

30/11/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/12/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/12935

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		09426/2000 OJ C 200 13.07.2000, p. 0001	26/06/2000	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0312/2000 OJ C 223 08.08.2001, p. 0005	23/10/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0497/2000 OJ C 223 08.08.2001, p. 0021-0089	14/11/2000	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Third pillar act 2000/1213 OJ C 358 13.12.2000, p. 0001 Summary

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PURPOSE : to present an Initiative from the Portuguese Republic with a view to adopting a Council Act on the drawing up of the Convention on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention) of a Protocol amending Article 2 and the Annex to that Convention.

CONTENT : in this Initiative from the Portuguese Republic, the Europol Convention is amended in the following way: - Europol shall initially act to prevent and combat unlawful drug trafficking, illegal money laundering activities, trafficking in nuclear and radioactive substances, illegal immigrant smuggling, trade in human beings and motor vehicle crime; - Europol's competence as regards a form of crime or specific manifestations thereof shall cover related criminal offences. It shall, however, not cover offences predicate to illegal money laundering activities with regard to which forms of crime Europol has no competence. Furthermore, this Protocol shall be subject to adoption by the Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements.?

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Having reached a consensus on the basis of a proposal for a text presented by the Presidency, on the substance of the extension of Europol competence to money laundering, the Council Working Party responsible was asked to take the necessary steps to finalise this dossier as soon as the Council had received the European Parliament's Opinion due in October 2000 to enable the draft Protocol to be formally adopted at the JHA Council meeting on 30 November.?

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The committee adopted the report by Anna KARAMANOY (PES, GR) amending the initiative under the consultation procedure. Although it fully endorsed extending the powers of Europol, the committee felt that Europol's democratic and judicial accountability should be increased. It therefore proposed a number of amendments to that end, providing inter alia for Parliament to receive an annual report on the work of Europol and, when circumstances so required, to request that Europol's Director should appear before Parliament's competent committees. It stipulated that the Court of Justice should have jurisdiction to rule on any dispute or conflict between Member States regarding the interpretation or application of the Europol Convention. The committee also wanted Parliament to be represented by two observers on Europol's Management Board and to be consulted on the appointment of Europol's director.?

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution, drafted by Mrs Anna KARAMANOY (PES, Gr), approving an initiative from the Portuguese government which aims to extend Europol's field of competence to include money laundering in general. Parliament fully endorses extending the powers of Europol but feels strongly that it makes no sense for it to deliver an opinion without using the opportunity to enhance Europol's effectiveness and increase its democratic and judicial accountability. Parliament has expressed its dissatisfaction on many occasions at the fact that it cannot exercise democratic control over it. Parliament therefore wants to receive an annual report on the work of Europol and calls for the Court of Justice to have jurisdiction to rule on any dispute or conflict between Member States regarding the interpretation or application of the Europol Convention. Furthermore, amendments adopted seek to change the composition of the Management Board to one representative per Member State, two from the Commission and two of the European Parliament. Europol shall be headed by a Director appointed by the Council and also by the European Parliament. ?

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PURPOSE : to amend the Convention concerning EUROPOL in order to extend its competence to deal with money laundering. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Act 2000Y1213 drawing up the basis of Article 43(1) of the Convention on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention) of a Protocol amending Article 2 and the Annex to that Convention. CONTENT : the protocol amending the EUROPOL Convention, aims to extend the competence of Europol to money laundering in general, regardless of the type of offence from which the laundered proceeds originate. To carry this out, the Protocol provides Europol with the most efficient means in order to combat money laundering and strengthen its capacities in the assistance it brings to the Member States in this fight. ENTRY INTO FORCE : the protocol is subject to ratification by all the Member States. It is applicable to all candidate countries if, in the meantime, one or several of them become Members of the European Union.?