


# Procedure file

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Common strategy for relations between the European Union and Latin America	Procedure completed
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		10/10/2000
		PPE-DE <a href="#">SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA José Ignacio</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		09/01/2001
		PSE <a href="#">KREISSL-DÖRFLER Wolfgang</a>	
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		06/03/2001
		GUE/NGL <a href="#">MODROW Hans</a>	

Key events			
30/11/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/10/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
10/10/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0336/2001</a>	
14/11/2001	Debate in Parliament		
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### Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		COM(2000)0670	31/10/2000	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">B5-0031/2001</a>	28/03/2001	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A5-0336/2001</a>	10/10/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T5-0612/2001</a> <a href="#">OJ C 140 13.06.2002, p. 0386-0569 E</a>	15/11/2001	EP	Summary

## Common strategy for relations between the European Union and Latin America

The purpose of the present communication is to set out the general principles and actions that the Commission intends to take to contribute to meeting the priorities resulting from the June 1999 EU, Latin America and Caribbean Rio Summit. It aims to give impetus to the follow-up. The communication takes into account the EU's general policy objectives in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the Commission's own constraints. It should be stressed that the Commission does not propose in this communication a new strategy for relations between the EU and Latin America/the Caribbean. In the follow-up to Rio, the Commission intends to act primarily at two levels: 1) in the immediate future, in the anticipation of the 2002 Summit, the Commission proposes to step up its action in the following three priority areas: the promotion and protection of human rights; the promotion of the information society; and the reduction of social imbalances. The particular emphasis on these areas seek to cover the three dimensions of the strategic partnership (political, economic, social) and to respond to the main challenges of the region. The proposed initiatives in those three priority areas form a coherent package designed to meet a common objective : to place human development and the civil society at the heart of the relationship between the two regions. In addition to the three initiatives, the Tuusula priority areas will continue to be dealt with through existing cooperation instruments, including decentralised horizontal programmes. 2) in the longer term, the Commission will ensure that the priorities identified in the Rio Action Plan and fine tuned in Tuusula are incorporated into the bilateral and sub-regional dialogues established. In principle, this does not require any special initiative, but rather a continuous and systematic approach covering all the three areas of the strategic partnership. The Commission will make sure that it does not look at each dimension in isolation. The three dimensions should reinforce one another. The Commission shall seek to ensure consistency and synergy between the political, economic and cooperation dialogue, notably in the pursuit of common goals such as promotion of environmental protection and sustainable development. Lastly, the test of this strategy will be in the tangible results by all the partners between now and the 2002 Summit. ?

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The committee adopted the own-initiative report by José Ignacio SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA (EPP-ED, E) on relations between the EU and Latin America. It called on the European Council to adopt a common EU strategy, backed by adequate funding, to reflect the priorities agreed on at the first Summit of Heads of State and Government of the countries of the EU, Latin America and the Caribbean meeting in Brazil in June 1999. In the political sphere, the aim should be to create an EU-Latin American Transatlantic Assembly, sign an EU-Latin American peace charter and launch an EU-Latin American political and security partnership. The report also said that political dialogue should be modernised at ministerial level. In the economic, financial and commercial spheres, the committee said that a new series of association agreements should be finalised with Mercosur and Chile, and association agreements should be concluded in the medium term with the Andean Community and Central America. It wanted a global interregional partnership agreement to be concluded with a view to putting an EU-Latin American free-trade area in place by 2010. This would provide additional institutional back-up for the substance of the strategic bi-regional partnership agreed on in Brazil and would cover all the countries concerned. Regional integration and trade within Latin America itself should also be promoted. In the social and cultural spheres, emphasis should be placed on combating poverty, introducing a global anti-drugs plan and training members of the judiciary and the police to help ensure proper prosecution of drug trafficking and related offences. A further basic aim of the new strategy should be to promote the principles underlying the EU, including human rights, democracy, good governance, transparency and the rule of law.?

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Mr José Ignacio SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA (EPP-ED, E). (Please refer to the previous text). With regard to the duration and the revision of the new common strategy, the Parliament requests that it remains in force for an initial period of four years and be extended, revised and adapted by the European Council as often as necessary, on a recommendation from the Council.?