

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2000/0062B(CNS)	Procedure completed
Action against anti-personnel landmines in third countries other than developing countries		
Subject 6.10.03 Armaments control, non-proliferation nuclear weapons 6.30 Development cooperation		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		20/03/2001
		TDI BONINO Emma	
	Former committee responsible		
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		03/04/2000
		TDI BONINO Emma	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		27/02/2001
		PSE SOULADAKIS Ioannis	
	DEVE Development and Cooperation	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2369	23/07/2001
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations		

Key events			
14/03/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0111	Summary
10/04/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/10/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
10/10/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0286/2000	
25/10/2000	Debate in Parliament		
25/10/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0463/2000	

20/12/2000	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	COM(2000)0880	Summary
09/02/2001	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
25/06/2001	Vote in committee		
04/07/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0374/2001	Summary
23/07/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/07/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/09/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/5/14391; AFET/5/12621

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2000)0111 OJ C 248 29.08.2000, p. 0115 E	14/03/2000	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0286/2000 OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0008	10/10/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0463/2000 OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0109-0173	25/10/2000	EP	
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation	COM(2000)0880	20/12/2000	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0374/2001 OJ C 065 14.03.2002, p. 0056-0107 E	04/07/2001	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 2001/1724 OJ L 234 01.09.2001, p. 0001 Summary
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Action against anti-personnel landmines in third countries other than developing countries

PURPOSE : to reinforce the contribution of the European Union to action against Anti-Personnel Landmines (APL). CONTENT : Anti-Personnel Landmines create appalling casualties in many of the poorest parts of the world and are an obstacle to the implementation of a range of European Union programmes. In the period 1992-1998, the European Union therefore committed over EUR 180 million to mine action world-wide to support demining programmes, assistance to mine victims, and research and development of technology. This has been a major

contribution to the global efforts of the international community but much remains to be done. With the incentive of entry into force of the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, the challenge for the international community is to overcome the landmine problem in the next 10-15 years. Based on its contribution to date, the European Union is expected to be a major player in this activity. Success will only be achieved if the international political and resource commitment is sustained, if international co-ordination is improved, if effective national capabilities are established in all of the most seriously mine-afflicted countries, and safer and faster demining techniques are introduced. This Communication summarises the mine actions of the European Union to date and outlines policies that will further enhance the capacity of the European Union to play its leading role in overcoming this world-wide tragedy. These include an enhanced horizontal, distinct budget line that will provide the focus for European Union mine efforts over the coming years. In parallel, the Commission is making a legislative proposal and will introduce internal changes that will strengthen the coherence and effectiveness of its actions in this important area of policy. In conclusion, the Commission recognises the political and humanitarian importance of sustaining the European Community contribution to overcoming the world-wide problems of Anti Personnel Landmines (APL), and intends to do this with even greater resolve, coherence, and effectiveness. The European Parliament and the Council are invited to support the orientations of this Communication and to decide on the proposed Regulation. In addition, the Commission shall submit, by June 2007 at the latest, to the European Parliament and the Council an overall evaluation of operations financed by the Community, including assessments of relevance, cost effectiveness and impact. It is on this basis that the continuation of application of this Regulation will be decided on.?

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The committee adopted a report (under the codecision procedure, first reading) by Emma BONINO (TGI, I) amending the Commission proposal for a regulation on action against anti-personnel landmines. The report underlined the scale of the problem and stressed the need to destroy any remaining stocks of anti-personnel mines. It also highlighted the importance of stepping up scientific research with the aim of developing technologies to facilitate mine detection and identify the affected areas more accurately. On the budgetary front, the committee called for EUR 200m to be made available for the period 2000-2006 to finance implementation of the regulation. It stressed, however, that this budget line must not be used to pay for framework programmes for the research and development of mine action technology and demining programmes carried out under the heading of humanitarian action, which would continue to be funded from the budget lines specifically provided for those purposes. The Commission was asked to urge all Member States which had not yet done so to sign and ratify the Ottawa convention on the prohibition and destruction of anti-personnel landmines. In addition, the committee wanted support to be provided for the care and socio-economic reintegration of mine victims. Lastly, it emphasised the role that NGOs could play in programmes to eliminate these mines.?

Action against anti-personnel landmines in third countries other than developing countries

This amended proposal for a Regulation concerning action against anti-personnel landmines in third countries other than developing countries, is the result of the Commission's decision to produce two identical Regulations on landmines, split according to geographic coverage. The split requires only minor amendments in the legal text, namely the preamble, the last Recital and Article 1. The rest remains unchanged. It must be further highlighted that the two Regulations (the first relating to developing countries and the second, to third countries other than developing countries) will have identical texts. ?

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The European Parliament, using the procedure without report, approved the amended proposal on action against anti-personnel landmines in third countries other than developing countries.?

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AIM: To intensify Community action against landmines in order to meet its international obligations deriving from the Ottawa Convention and to fulfil the internal Community obligation to enhance the coherence and effectiveness of its activities in this domain. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 1725/2001 concerning action against anti-personnel landmines in third countries other than developing countries. CONTENT: The Regulation lays down the procedures for the implementation of Community operations against anti-personnel landmines within the framework of Community cooperation policy in third countries, while advancing a consistent and coherent humanitarian mine-clearance strategy in response to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Landmines and on their Destruction (the Ottawa Convention). The operations referred to in the Regulation are to be implemented in the territory of third countries other than developing countries or will be directly related to situations arising in these countries, particularly in those recovering from conflicts. The operations financed under the Regulation will relate primarily to mine-awareness education, training of specialist personnel, surveying and marking of suspected areas, detection and identification, clearance and destruction of landmines, victim assistance, rehabilitation and socio-economic reintegration of mine victims and information management. ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE REGULATION: 1 September 2001. It will remain in force until 31 December 2009. ?