

Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2001/0248(CNS) Procedure completed
Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder	
Subject 3.70.03 Climate policy, climate change, ozone layer 3.70.18 International and regional environment protection measures and agreements 6.40.13 Relations with/in the context of international organisations: UN, OSCE, OECD, Council of Europe, EBRD	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		05/11/2001
		PPE-DE MOREIRA DA SILVA Jorge	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Environment	2423 2413	25/04/2002 04/03/2002
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Environment		

Key events			
23/10/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0579	Summary
17/01/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/01/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
23/01/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0025/2002	
05/02/2002	Debate in Parliament		
06/02/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0042/2002	Summary

25/04/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/04/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/05/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0248(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/15467

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2001)0579 OJ C 075 26.03.2002, p. 0017 E	23/10/2001	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0025/2002	23/01/2002	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0042/2002 OJ C 284 21.11.2002, p. 0121-0192 E	06/02/2002	EP	Summary
Committee of the Regions: opinion		CDR0458/2001 OJ C 192 12.08.2002, p. 0059	13/03/2002	CofR	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 2002/358 OJ L 130 15.05.2002, p. 0001-0020 Summary
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Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder

PURPOSE : the approval of the Kyoto Protocol by the European Community. CONTENT : The proposal for a Decision makes provision for the actual approval of the Protocol by the Community. The EC and Member States will fulfil their commitments jointly. The respective emission levels allocated to the EC and to each Member State will apply for the first commitment period (2008-2012) as set out in Annex II to the proposal. The emission levels given are a translation of the figures of the "Burden Sharing Agreement" (see the Council conclusions of 16 June 1998), as a percentage of the base year or period. The proposal states that the total amount of greenhouse gases which the Community and its Member States can emit, which is to be calculated in terms of tonnes of CO2 equivalent, will be determined once their base year emissions are definitively established. This will happen at the latest before the start of the commitment period. It cannot be addressed now because base year emissions have not been definitively fixed and will not be at least until after the Protocol has entered into force.?

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder

The committee adopted the report by Jorge MOREIRA DA SILVA (EPP-ED, P) approving (under the consultation procedure) the proposal to

conclude the Kyoto Protocol. In the legislative resolution, the committee insisted that the 1998 burden-sharing agreement be fully observed. It also called for subsequent Commission proposals for reduction targets and burden-sharing between the Member States to be based on the codecision procedure so that Parliament would be fully involved. ?

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder

The European Parliament, by 540 votes to 4 with 10 abstentions, adopted the resolution drafted by Jorge MOREIRA DA SILVA (EPP/ED, Portugal) on the burden-sharing agreement for the Kyoto Protocol. (Please refer to the text dated 23/01/02).?

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder

PURPOSE : to ratify the Kyoto Protocol. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Decision (2002/358/EC) concerning the approval on behalf of the European Community, of the Kyoto protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder. **CONTENT :** the Council adopted the decision on ratification by the European Community of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Member States shall endeavour to take the necessary steps with a view to depositing their instruments of ratification or approval simultaneously with those of the European Community and the other Member States and as far as possible not later than 1 June 2002. Under the Kyoto Protocol, concluded in 1997, contracting parties committed themselves to reducing the six greenhouse gases responsible for climate change, in particular carbon dioxide (CO₂). The European Community committed itself to achieving an overall reduction of 8% of CO₂ emissions in the 2008-12 period as compared with 1990 levels. For the protocol to enter force, it has to be ratified by 55 contracting parties, accounting for 55% of total CO₂ emissions in 1990. The EC and Member States will fulfil their commitments jointly. The emission levels given are a translation of the figures of the "Burden Sharing Agreement" as a percentage of the base year or period. The quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment agreed by the European Community and its Member States for the purpose of determining the respective emission levels allocated to each of them for the first quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment period from 2008-2012 are set out in Annex II. These commitments are as follows: Belgium 92.5%; Denmark 79%; Germany 79%; Greece 125%; Spain 115%; France 100%; Ireland 113%; Italy 93.5%; Luxembourg 72%; Netherlands 94%; Austria 87%; Portugal 127%; Finland 100%; Sweden 104% and the United Kingdom 87.5%. The Commission shall, at the latest by 31 December 2006 determine the respective emission levels allocated to the European Community and to each Member State in terms of the tonnes of carbon dioxide.?