

# Procedure file

| Basic information  |  |                     |
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| ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure   |  | Procedure completed |
| 2003/0225(ACI)   |  |                     |
| Budgetary discipline: mobilisation of the flexibility instrument for the reconstruction of Iraq, 2003-2004           |  |                     |
| Subject<br>6.10.04 Third-country political situation, local and regional conflicts<br>8.70.70 Flexibility instrument |  |                     |
| Geographical area<br>Iraq  |  |                     |

| Key players  |   |  |            |
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| European Parliament                                  | Committee responsible   | Rapporteur                             | Appointed  |
|  | <b>BUDG</b> Budgets   |  | 04/11/2003 |
|  |   | PSE <a href="#">COLOM I NAVAL Joan</a> |            |
|  | Committee for opinion   | Rapporteur for opinion                 | Appointed  |
| Council of the European Union<br>European Commission | <b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense |  | 07/10/2003 |
|  |   | PPE-DE <a href="#">LASCHET Armin</a>   |            |
|  | Commission DG   | Commissioner                           |            |
|  | <a href="#">Budget</a>  |  |            |

| Key events |  |                               |         |
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| 01/10/2003 | Legislative proposal published             | <a href="#">COM(2003)0576</a> | Summary |
| 08/10/2003 | Committee referral announced in Parliament |                               |         |
| 01/12/2003 | Vote in committee                          |                               | Summary |
| 01/12/2003 | Committee report tabled for plenary        | <a href="#">A5-0456/2003</a>  |         |
| 18/12/2003 | Decision by Parliament                     | <a href="#">T5-0587/2003</a>  | Summary |
| 18/12/2003 | End of procedure in Parliament             |                               |         |
| 23/02/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal    |                               |         |

| Technical information |  |
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| Procedure reference   | 2003/0225(ACI)                               |
| Procedure type        | ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure |

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| Procedure subtype          | Mobilisation of funds |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed   |
| Committee dossier          | BUDG/5/20153          |

#### Documentation gateway

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|---|--|---|------------|----|---------|
| Legislative proposal                                |  | <a href="#">COM(2003)0576</a>                                       | 01/10/2003 | EC | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading |  | <a href="#">A5-0456/2003</a>  | 01/12/2003 | EP |         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading          |  | <a href="#">T5-0587/2003</a><br>OJ C 091 15.04.2004, p. 0521-0606 E | 18/12/2003 | EP | Summary |

#### Final act

[Decision 2004/155](#)  
[OJ L 054 23.02.2004, p. 0001-0002](#) Summary

## Budgetary discipline: mobilisation of the flexibility instrument for the reconstruction of Iraq, 2003-2004

PURPOSE : to mobilise the flexibility instrument in favour of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq after the war. PROPOSED ACT : Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council. CONTENT : this proposal aims at mobilising the flexibility instrument in view of the financing of the reconstruction in Iraq for 2004 proposed in the amending letter No 1/2004 (please refer to the budgetary procedure BUD/2003/2001). The European Council of 19 and 20 June 2003 held in Thessaloniki invited the Commission to submit proposals for an EU contribution to the multilateral effort to assist Iraq's transition. In this context, the Commission is proposing to mobilise the flexibility instrument up to EUR 73 951 000. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND METHOD OF CALCULATION : The Commission has made a realistic assessment of the availability of resources under Heading 4 (External actions). It is therefore proposed that the Community share of the European contribution amounts to EUR 200 million over the 2003-2004 period, with EUR 40 million mobilised in 2003 and EUR 160 million in 2004. This amount is additional to the EUR 100 million that ECHO is implementing in 2003. Since no appropriations have been included in the preliminary draft budget for 2004 concerning the Iraqi reconstruction, the Commission proposes to enter EUR 160 million in commitment appropriations onto a new line (article 19 08 07 "Aid for rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq") through the amending letter No 1 to PDB 2004, by mobilising : - the margin of the PDB under Heading 4 amounting to EUR 86 million and - the flexibility instrument up to EUR 74 million above the ceiling of Heading 4. As for the payments, it is estimated that EUR 128 million will be necessary, corresponding to 80% of the credits to be committed in 2004. ?

## Budgetary discipline: mobilisation of the flexibility instrument for the reconstruction of Iraq, 2003-2004

The committee adopted the report by Joan COLOM i NAVAL (PES, E) approving the proposed decision to mobilise the flexibility instrument for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq. The committee said that Parliament was willing to provide the EU with the appropriate means to assume its new responsibilities in the world, without affecting its traditional priorities.

## Budgetary discipline: mobilisation of the flexibility instrument for the reconstruction of Iraq, 2003-2004

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Joan COLOM I NAVAL (PES, E) and approved the decision. (Please see the document of 26/11/03.) Parliament stressed that the mobilisation of the flexibility instrument, has been decided for the fourth consecutive year as the needs to face international crises since 2000 could not be financed within the initial ceilings of heading 4 of the financial perspective.?

## Budgetary discipline: mobilisation of the flexibility instrument for the reconstruction of Iraq, 2003-2004

PURPOSE: to mobilise the flexibility instrument in favour of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq after the war. LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision 2004/155/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the flexibility instrument in favour of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq according to point 24 of the Inter-institutional Agreement of 6 May 1999. CONTENT: This Decision mobilises the flexibility instrument in view of the financing of the reconstruction in Iraq. The flexibility instrument will be used to provide the sum of EUR 95.000.000 in commitment appropriations.?

