

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">2003/0228(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention		
Subject 3.70.05 Marine and coastal pollution, pollution from ships, oil pollution		
Geographical area Mediterranean Sea area		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		27/11/2003
		PPE-DE <a href="#">JACKSON Caroline</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>RETT</b> Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism		04/11/2003
		UEN <a href="#">POLI BORTONE Adriana</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2579</a>	29/04/2004
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Environment</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
09/10/2003	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2003)0588</a>	Summary
05/11/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/01/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
27/01/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0050/2004</a>	
10/02/2004	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0067/2004</a>	Summary
29/04/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
06/08/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0228(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/20184

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2003)0588</a>	09/10/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0050/2004</a>	27/01/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0067/2004</a> OJ C 097 22.04.2004, p. 0030-0072 E	10/02/2004	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2004/575</a> <a href="#">OJ L 261 06.08.2004, p. 0040-0040</a> Summary

## Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

PURPOSE : to ratify the Protocol to the Barcelona convention, concerning cooperation to prevent pollution by ships and, in cases of emergency, to combat pollution of the Mediterranean. PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision. CONTENT : The EC is a Contracting Party to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention). It has also concluded four other Protocols adopted in the context of the Convention. In 1997, in the context of revising and improving the legal instruments of the Action Plan the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention adopted a Resolution on a Regional Strategy on Prevention of Pollution of the Marine Environment by Ships. The Resolution included a decision to amend the Emergencies Protocol. The intention was to broaden the scope of the agreement from simply setting out arrangements for cooperation in coping with pollution incidents to also cover working together to prevent, reduce and control pollution. On 15 January 2002 the Commission made a proposal to the Council on the signature of the new Protocol, providing the final text was consistent with Community legislation in the field. During the final negotiations, the Community was able to achieve significant further progress on the outstanding issue concerning inclusion of new elements from Community legislation on safety at sea and the prevention of marine pollution, as follows: - a strengthening of the text so that certain obligations on each Party are not restricted to requiring masters of ships flying its flag to undertake certain actions. Instead each Party must also take appropriate measures with a view to ensuring that the master of every ship sailing in its territorial waters complies with the same obligations. - progress was also made to better reflect Community law on port reception facilities for dealing with wastes; - the role of the Community in implementing international maritime safety standards was explicitly recognised in the preamble to the Protocol. As the Protocol is the result of multi-lateral negotiations, it does not incorporate all of the requirements of EC legislation at the time of signature. Furthermore, since the date of signature of the Protocol, and in the aftermath of the Prestige accident, the Community has continued its activity to strengthen and enhance its action in the area of preventing and combating pollution from ships. The Community legislation is therefore now stronger than the requirements of the Protocol. This situation is specifically foreseen and the Protocol provides for parties to have the right to adopt more stringent pertinent internal measures. The Commission will monitor the implementation of the Protocol to ensure continued consistency with the pertinent Community legislation. The Protocol should be ratified.?

## Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

The committee adopted the report by Caroline JACKSON (EEP-ED, UK) approving the conclusion of the protocol (consultation procedure).?

## Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Caroline JACKSON (EPP-ED, United Kingdom) approving the conclusion of the Protocol.?

## Maritime pollution of Mediterranean Sea: pollution by ships, Protocol to the Barcelona Convention

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**PURPOSE:** Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision of 29 April 2004 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, concerning cooperation in preventing pollution from ships and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (2004/575/EC). Council Decision of 29 April 2004 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, concerning cooperation in preventing pollution from ships and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution of the Mediterranean Sea (2004/575/EC)

**CONTENT:** The Council adopted a Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution.

The Protocol aims to update the legal instruments of the Barcelona Convention, establishing provisions on the cooperation between the Parties in preventing and, in cases of emergency, combating pollution from ships in the Mediterranean Sea. It further promotes the development and implementation of international rules adopted within the framework of the International Maritime Organization.