Procedure file

Basic information

CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2004/0807(CNS)	Procedure completed
Cooperation with third countries: democracy, rule of law, human rights Amending Regulation (EC) No 976/1999 1997/0191B(CNS) Subject 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general 6.30 Development cooperation		

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		13/09/2004
		PPE-DE MCMILLAN-SCOTT Edward	
	Former committee responsible		
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		08/07/2003
		PPE-DE MCMILLAN-SCOTT Edward	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	DEVE Development		27/07/2004
		PPE-DE FERNÁNDEZ MARTÍN Fernando	
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		09/07/2004
		PPE-DE FERNÁNDEZ MARTÍN Fernando	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2633	21/12/2004
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2592	21/06/2004

Key events

13/02/2004	Legislative proposal published	06018/2004	Summary
08/03/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

16/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/11/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
26/11/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0041/2004	
15/12/2004	Debate in Parliament		
16/12/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/12/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0106/2004	Summary
21/12/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/12/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/12/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0807(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 976/1999 1997/0191B(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181A-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/5/20857; AFET/6/21174

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		06018/2004	13/02/2004	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0041/2004	26/11/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0106/2004 OJ C 226 15.09.2005, p. 0243-0343 E	16/12/2004	EP	Summary

Final act

Regulation 2004/2242
OJ L 390 31.12.2004, p. 0021-0023 Summary

Cooperation with third countries: democracy, rule of law, human rights

PURPOSE: to extend for a further two years (until 31.12.2006) the period of validity of Council Regulation 976/1999/EC on the consolidation of the rule of law and the respect of human rights, following the splitting of the Commission's proposal on the extension of this Regulation and the parallel Regulation (975/99/EC) on the respect of human rights within the framework of development cooperation. PROPOSED MEASURE: Council Regulation. CONTENT: On 28 October 2003, the Commission submitted to the Council and the European Parliament a proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation 975/1999/EC laying down the requirements for the implementation of development cooperation which contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and Council Regulation 976/1999/EC laying down the requirements for the implementation of Community operations other than those of development cooperation which, within the framework of Community cooperation policy, contribute to the general objective

of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in third countries. The Commission's initial proposal (see COD/2003/0250) is based on Articles 17 and 181a of the EC Treaty and was subject to the codecision procedure laid down in Article 251 of the EC Treaty. However, the Council has decided to separate the two texts contained in the Commission's original proposal amending Council Regulations 975/99/EC and 976/99/EC respectively. The first (see COD/2003/0250) requires amendment by codecision in accordance with Article 179 of the EC Treaty, while the second (Regulation 976/99/EC) has to be amended by the Council acting by qualified majority and after consulting the European Parliament in line with Article 181a of the EC Treaty. This proposal relates specifically to this second part of the original proposal and its purpose is to extend by two years (2005-2006) Council Regulation 976/1999/EC. The content of the proposal is essentially identical to that of the Commission's original proposal. The only difference relates to the amount of the financial reference for the implementation of the Regulation for the 2005-2006 period which is set at EUR 78 million (the overall budget foreseen by the Commission for the implementation of the two Regulations was EUR 212 million).?

Cooperation with third countries: democracy, rule of law, human rights

The committee adopted the report by Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT (EPP-ED, UK) approving the Commission proposal as modified by the Council (consultation procedure).

Cooperation with third countries: democracy, rule of law, human rights

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT (EPP-ED, UK) approving the Commission proposal as modified by the Council.

Cooperation with third countries: democracy, rule of law, human rights

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Regulation (975/99/EC) on the respect of human rights within the framework of development cooperation.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2242/2004/EC amending Regulation 976/1999/EC laying down the requirements for the implementation of Community operations, other than those of development cooperation, which, within the framework of Community cooperation policy, contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in third countries

CONTENT : Regulation 976/1999/EC expires on 31 December 2004. This Regulation extends that period until 31/12/2006. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the Regulation during the period 2005 to 2006 is EUR 78 million. In addition:

- the provisions of Regulation 976/1999/EC on procedures for the implementation of aid are aligned with the legal requirements of Council Regulation 1605/2002/EC on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities in the implementation of EU Election Observation Missions;

- agreements and contracts concluded pursuant to Regulation 976/1999/EC authorise the Commission to carry out the measures provided for in Council Regulation 2185/96/EC concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities;

- the Commission will produce an annual report setting out programming for the coming year by region and by sector, and will report back on implementation to the European Parliament.

This Regulation is closely tied to procedure reference COD/2003/0250.

DATE OF EFFECT : 30/12/2004.