



Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2006/2603(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on European contract law		
Subject		
4.60.06 Consumers' economic and legal interests		
7.40.02 Judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters		

Key players		
European Parliament		
European Commission		
Commission DG	Commissioner	
Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union	MCCREEVY Charlie	

Key events			
05/09/2006	Debate in Parliament		
07/09/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
07/09/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0352/2006	Summary
07/09/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/2603(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Debate or resolution on oral question/interpellation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 136-p5
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Oral question/interpellation by Parliament		B6-0326/2006	04/09/2006	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B6-0464/2006	05/09/2006	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T6-0352/2006	07/09/2006	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2006)4772	19/10/2006	EC	

The European Parliament adopted a joint resolution on European contract law, reiterating its conviction that a uniform internal market could not be fully functional without further steps towards the harmonisation of civil law, and the initiative on European contract law was the most important initiative under way in the field of civil law. The Commission was asked continuously to involve Parliament in the work on the CFR.

Parliament strongly supported an approach for a wider CFR on general contract law issues going beyond the consumer protection field. It underlined that, besides the work on revision of the consumer acquis, the work on a wider CFR should go on, and asked the Commission to proceed with the project for a wider CFR. Parliament emphasised that even though the final purpose and legal form of the CFR was not yet clear, the work on the project should be done well, taking into account the fact that the final long-term outcome could be a binding instrument. Hence, all the various possible options for the purpose and legal form of a future instrument should be kept open.

Finally, Parliament called on the Commission to take into account the long-term perspective of a CFR when presenting new legislative proposals.