

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">1995/0004(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Conclusion of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic		
Subject 3.70.05 Marine and coastal pollution, pollution from ships, oil pollution		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<a href="#">ENVI</a> Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Environment</a>	<a href="#">2062</a>	16/12/1997
	Social Affairs	<a href="#">2030</a>	07/10/1997

Key events			
05/01/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0660	Summary
13/02/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/02/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
17/03/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0118/1995	Summary
07/10/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
07/10/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/04/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/0004(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3-a1; EC before Amsterdam E 130S-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Committee dossier		ENVI/4/06417			
<b>Documentation gateway</b>					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1994)0660</a> <a href="#">OJ C 172 07.07.1995, p. 0001</a>	06/01/1995	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0118/1995 <a href="#">OJ C 089 10.04.1995, p. 0190-0199</a>	17/03/1995	EP	Summary
<b>Additional information</b>					
European Commission		<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>			
<b>Final act</b>					
<a href="#">Decision 1998/249</a> <a href="#">OJ L 104 03.04.1998, p. 0001</a> Summary					

## Conclusion of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic

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The proposal for a decision seeks to conclude, on behalf of the Community, the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the north-east Atlantic. The legal basis chosen for the conclusion of this Convention is that of paragraphs 2, 3(1) and 4 of Article 228 plus paragraph 1 of Article 130 S, which consequently means that Parliament's assent procedure is excluded (according to the Commission Parliament is not required as no binding act can be taken by the committee instituted under the Convention, whose work is essentially of a technical nature and will not lead to the setting up of "a specific institutional framework involving the organization of cooperation procedures", in the sense of Article 228(3)(2) of the Treaty providing for the assent of Parliament). The aim of the Convention is to implement all possible measures in order to prevent and eliminate pollution, together with the necessary measures to protect this maritime zone from the damaging impact of human activity so as to safeguard human health and preserve marine ecosystems. The Convention was concluded on 22.09.1992 and revises the Oslo and Paris Conventions for the prevention of marine pollution (concluded in 1972 and 1975 respectively). The Convention relates to the following measures: - prevention and elimination of pollution from land-based sources, - prevention of pollution by dumping or incineration, - prevention and elimination of offshore pollution, - assessment of the quality of the marine environment. ?

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The Committee on the Environment approved the Commission's proposal in accordance with the procedure provided for under Article 143(1) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure (procedure without report). ?

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OBJECTIVE: to conclude, on behalf of the Communities, the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the north-east Atlantic. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 98/249/EC on the conclusion of the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the north-east Atlantic. SUBSTANCE: The Convention has two objectives: 1) to implement all possible measures to prevent and eliminate pollution in the north-east Atlantic maritime area; 2) to adopt the necessary measures to protect the area against the damaging impact of human activity so as to safeguard human health and preserve marine ecosystems. The Convention was concluded on 22.09.1992 and revises the Oslo and Paris Conventions for the prevention of marine pollution (concluded in 1972 and 1975 respectively). More particularly, the prevention measures to which the Convention relates are as follows: -prevention and elimination of pollution from land-based sources, -prevention of pollution by dumping or incineration, -prevention and elimination of offshore pollution (pollution originating primarily from man-made structures, plant or vessels at sea for the exploitation of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons, pipelines or any installation floating

or fixed to the seabed), -assessment of the quality of the marine environment. Parties to the Convention are required to do everything possible to prevent or eliminate any risk of pollution and to protect the maritime area concerned. The Convention is based on two fundamental principles: 1) the precautionary principle, whereby preventive measures must be taken whenever there are grounds for concern about the marine environment, 2) the polluter-pays principle. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 07.10.1997, and the Convention will enter into force when all the parties have notified one another that the necessary procedures have been completed.?