



# Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	<a href="#">1998/2515(RSP)</a>	Procedure completed
Resolution on racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism and the results of the European Year Against Racism 1997		
Subject 7.30.08 Action to combat racism and xenophobia		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
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28/01/1998	Debate in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Debate or resolution on oral question/interpellation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Oral question/interpellation by Parliament		<a href="#">B4-1010/1997</a> <a href="#">OJ C 056 23.02.1998, p. 0005</a>	28/01/1998	EP	
Oral question/interpellation by Parliament		<a href="#">B4-1011/1997</a> <a href="#">OJ C 056 23.02.1998, p. 0005</a>	28/01/1998	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B4-0108/1998	29/01/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T4-0056/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 056 23.02.1998, p. 0013-0035</a>	29/01/1998	EP	

## Resolution on racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism and the results of the European Year Against Racism 1997

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The Committee adopted the resolution tabled by Abdelkader MOHAMED ALI (PES, E). The European year against Racism might be over, but the fight against racism continues. Thus, the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia will be formally established in Vienna on 20 January. The committee regrets the fact that the Centre's tasks are confined only to specific areas under the First Pillar and hopes that those restrictions will be removed when the tasks of the Centre are reviewed in three years' time. In addition, the committee believes that the Commission should propose an action programme, based on Article 6a of the Treaty, which should provide appropriate measures to condemn as criminal offences the incitement to or commission of acts of racism and xenophobia; holocaust denial; production, printing or distribution of material advocating these offences; and participation in, or support for, groups involved in racist or xenophobic activities. Furthermore, MEPs call on the European institutions to take steps to harmonize the Member States' immigration laws and to draw up in this connection, an European charter of immigrants' rights. This should be in conjunction with an integration policy to promote mutual understanding.