


Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| INI - Own-initiative procedure | 1995/2098(INI) | Procedure completed |
| Cooperation with Eastern Europe and the CIS, energy and nuclear safety policy | | |
| Subject 3.60.15 Cooperation and agreements for energy | | |
| Geographical area Community of Independent States | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy | | 12/07/1995 |
| | | PSE ADAM Gordon J. | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy | | |
| | BUDG Budgets | | 23/06/1995 |
| | | PSE BÖSCH Herbert | |
| RELA External Economic Relations | | | 21/06/1995 |
| | | PPE TOIVONEN Kyösti | |
| JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights | | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 13/06/1995 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 09/07/1996 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 09/07/1996 | Committee report tabled for plenary | A4-0242/1996 | |
| 19/09/1996 | Debate in Parliament |  | |
| 20/09/1996 | Decision by Parliament | T4-0494/1996 | Summary |
| 20/09/1996 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 28/10/1996 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 1995/2098(INI) |
| Procedure type | INI - Own-initiative procedure |
| Procedure subtype | Initiative |
| Legal basis | Rules of Procedure EP 54 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | ENER/4/06700 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | | |
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| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading | | A4-0242/1996 OJ C 277 23.09.1996, p. 0004 | 09/07/1996 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading | | T4-0494/1996 OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0236-0245 | 20/09/1996 | EP | Summary |

Cooperation with Eastern Europe and the CIS, energy and nuclear safety policy

In unanimously adopting the draft resolution on East-West cooperation in the area of energy and nuclear security (report by Gordon ADAM, PSE, UK), the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy raised a number of questions concerning the security of the EU's energy supplies from the CEE and CIS. It called, among other things, for specific measures to be introduced under the PHARE and TACIS programmes to promote the restoration of existing heat and power stations and to develop co-generation. For its part, the Commission was called on to set up a working group for monitoring developments in the natural gas industry, in view of the rapid increase in imports from the West and the dependence of the eastern countries on this sector, particularly that of the former Soviet Union. It was also proposed that a Joint Oil-Gas Centre be established in Moscow. As far as conditions for nuclear safety were concerned, the Committee on Research and Energy called for the creation of a legal reference framework, to be supported by international conventions and standards laid down by the International Atomic Energy Agency, in order that funding should be granted exclusively for the purpose of nuclear safety, as well as for the processing of nuclear waste and the treatment of contaminated zones, particularly the Chernobyl area. As regards the Energy Charter Treaty, the draft resolution stressed that these measures should be implemented by all signatories as a matter of urgency and advocated that the same text should include a binding social clause for all signatories, with regard to the obligations laid down in the ILO conventions. Finally, hopes were expressed for an improvement in the Commission's internal organisation in the energy sector. ?

Cooperation with Eastern Europe and the CIS, energy and nuclear safety policy

In adopting the report by Mr Gordon ADAM (PSE, UK) on East-West cooperation activities in energy and nuclear security, the European Parliament called for cooperation in the nuclear field to be subject to the nuclear safety standards laid down by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Third countries should also adhere to the Convention of Vienna and to the International Convention on Nuclear Safety, be signatories to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and have ratified the Espoo Convention. Each third country should also have its own independent statutory safety authority. Parliament called for a greater priority to be given to energy within the framework of the PHARE and TACIS programmes and stressed that Community financial aid should be entirely directed towards the safety of in-service reactors (including the Chernobyl sarcophagus). The report also called for the Energy Charter Treaty to be ratified and implemented as soon as possible by all signatories and urged the Commission to ensure that a social clause is incorporated in this Treaty. Finally, the report called for more concrete measures to help the coalfield areas of central Europe carry through the necessary restructuring projects. ?