

Procedure file

Basic information	
INI - Own-initiative procedure	1995/2113(INI)
Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Procedure completed
Subject 3.70 Environmental policy	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	PSE COLLINS Kenneth D.	31/05/1995

Key events			
31/05/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/06/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
27/06/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0167/1995	
14/07/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0372/1995	Summary
14/07/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/09/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/06712

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0167/1995 OJ C 249 25.09.1995, p. 0005	27/06/1995	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0372/1995 OJ C 249 25.09.1995, p. 0198-0205	14/07/1995	EP	Summary

Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

The Committee adopted the report of Mr. Ken COLLINS (UK, PES) containing Parliament's recommendations to Commission and Council on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. This draft resolution, tabled according to Article 90.5, intends to propose recommendations to the EP which will require that these be taken into account before the conclusion of an international agreement. It concerns the on-going negotiations on a Bio-safety Protocol to the Biodiversity Convention signed in Rio de Janeiro in June 1992. The Committee felt that it is indispensable to reinstate the position of the EP which in its resolution of 25 June 1993 underlined the necessity of this Protocol. A group of experts will discuss the need and modalities of such a protocol in July in Madrid in view of the second conference of the parties to the Biodiversity Convention in November 1995 ?

Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Adopting the report by Mr COLLINS (PSE, UK) on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the European Parliament drew up a list of recommendations for the Commission and the Council which it wished to be implemented within the framework of the bio-safety protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity currently being negotiated. Parliament particularly recommended that this protocol: - be legally binding; - regulate the entire biological cycle of genetically-engineered organisms (GEOs), covering all aspects of research, manipulation and safe disposal after use, given that it is difficult and could be considered dangerous to release GEOs; - include items on the repercussions of the use of GEOs, their impact on eco-systems, environmental and human health risk evaluation procedures, a socio-economic evaluation of GEOs (especially the consequences of replacing traditional biological resources), the problem of labeling GEOs and the measures to be taken in the event of risk and the management of these risks (including training for risk managers). At the same time, the European Parliament called for information on the state of progress of the negotiations under way and called on the parties to adopt a moratorium on the transfer of GEOs from third countries with no legislation on the matter.?