MINUTES

of the sitting of

Tuesday
15 September 1998

Part I
Proceedings of the sitting
KEYS TO SYMBOLS USED

* Consultation procedure
**I Cooperation procedure: first reading
**II Cooperation procedure: second reading
*** Assent procedure
***I Codecision procedure: first reading
***II Codecision procedure: second reading
***III Codecision procedure: third reading

(The type of procedure is determined by the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

INFORMATION RELATING TO VOTING TIME

- unless stated otherwise, the rapporteurs informed the Chair in writing, before the vote, of their position on the amendments;
- results of roll-call votes are appended to each day’s Minutes.

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

FASE Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy
AGRI Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
BUDG Committee on Budgets
ECON Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy
RTDE Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy
RELA Committee on External Economic Relations
LEGA Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens’ Rights
ESOC Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
REGI Committee on Regional Policy
TRAN Committee on Transport and Tourism
ENVI Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
CULT Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media
DEVE Committee on Development and Cooperation
CIVI Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs
CONT Committee on Budgetary Control
INST Committee on Institutional Affairs
FISH Committee on Fisheries
RULE Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities
WOME Committee on Women’s Rights
PETI Committee on Petitions

ABBREVIATIONS USED FOR POLITICAL GROUPS

PSE Group of the Party of European Socialists
PPE Group of the European People’s Party (Christian-Democratic Group)
ELDR Group of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party
UPE Union for Europe Group
GUE/NGL Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
V Green Group in the European Parliament
ARE Group of the European Radical Alliance
I-EDN Group of Independents for a Europe of Nations
NI Non-attached Members

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PART I
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IN THE CHAIR: Mr IMBENI
Vice-President

(The sitting opened at 09.00)

1. Approval of Minutes

The following spoke:

- Mr Seppänen, who with reference to Item 18 (Transatlantic relations/ECHELON) complained that, contrary to what was indicated in the Minutes, Commissioner Bangemann had failed to mention the ECHELON system or give an undertaking to do so at a later stage; in failing to mention the ECHELON system, Mr Bangemann had violated Parliament's Rules of Procedure and a request should be made forthwith to the Commission to make the statement (the President replied that in his opinion the Commission had not violated Parliament's Rules of Procedure but indicated that there had been a communication problem between Parliament’s staff and those of the Commission which had led to the debate not taking place as had been agreed);

- Mr Kreissl-Dörfler, who supported Mr Seppänen and claimed that the problem had not been caused by a misunderstanding between the two institutions' staff but by the decision to split the debate into two parts; on behalf of the V Group he protested that only the two big political groups had been able to express opinions when the second part had been debated.

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

2. Documents received

The President had received:

(a) from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, the following report:

Rapporteur: Mr Kindermann
(A4-0316/98)

(b) from Members, the following motions for resolutions (Rule 45):
- Robles Piquer, on an EU consultative council on information technology (B4-0792/98)
  referred to responsible: ECON

- Valverde López, on the drafting of rules of administrative procedure for the European Union (B4-0793/98)
  referred to responsible: LEGA
  opinion: INST

- Fernández-Albor, on EU summer schools (B4-0794/98)
  referred to responsible: CULT

- Ferrer, on a twinning programme for schools in the EU (B4-0795/98)
  referred to responsible: CULT

- Cushnahan, Banotti, Gillis, McCartin, on the abolition of duty-free sales (B4-0796/98)
  referred to responsible: ECON
  opinion: ESOC, TRAN

- Fernández Martín, on behalf of the PPE Group, on European Commission financial support for the activities of the Association of ACP National Chambers of Commerce, Industry and other economic operators (B4-0797/98)
  referred to responsible: DEVE

- Gillis, on the closure of Sellafield (B4-0798/98)
  referred to responsible: ENVI
  opinion: RTDE

3. Transfer of appropriations

The Committee on Budgets had examined a proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 14/98 (SEC(98)1023 - C4-0365/98) concerning budget line B7-660 External cooperation measures.

In accordance with Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation, it had decided to authorise the transfer of the reserve entered in:

Chapter B0-40: Provisions (for Article B7-660)

to Article B7-660: External cooperation measures

in respect of commitment appropriations totalling: ECU 15 000 000
and payment appropriations totalling: ECU 15 000 000.
The Committee on Budgets had examined a proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 15/98 (SEC(98)1056 - C4-0385/98) concerning budget line B7-8000 International Fisheries Agreements.

In accordance with Article 26(5)(a) of the Financial Regulation, it had decided to authorise the transfer of the second part of the reserve entered in:

Chapter B0-40: Provisions (for Item B7-8000)
to Item B7-8000: International Fisheries Agreements.

The amount of payment appropriations in question is: ECU 450 000.

The Committee on Budgets had examined a proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 16/98 (SEC(98)1062 - C4-0384/98) concerning budget line A-4015 Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union.

In accordance with Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation, it had decided to authorise the transfer of the reserve entered in:

Chapter A-10 0: Provisions (for Item A-4015)
to Item A-4015: Translation Centre for the bodies of the European Union.

The amount of non-differentiated appropriations in question is: ECU 450 000.

The Committee on Budgets, after studying the Council's opinion, had examined a proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 17/98 (SEC(98)1063 - C4-0386/98) concerning budget lines B3-4313 Action for safety at work in Europe (SAFE) and B4-3300 Community cooperation on civil protection and environmental emergencies.

In accordance with Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation, it had decided to authorise the transfer of the reserves entered in:

Chapter B0-40: Provisions (for Item B3-4313)
in respect of commitment appropriations totalling: ECU -1 000 000
and Chapter B3-43: Health (for Item B3-4313)
in respect of payment appropriations totalling: ECU -500 000

to Item B4-3300: Community cooperation on civil protection and environmental emergencies
in respect of commitment appropriations totalling: ECU 1 000 000
and payment appropriations totalling: ECU 500 000.
The committee had noted that the Commission had promised to propose that the same amount be provided under the global transfer to increase the appropriations for the SAFE programme.

The Committees on Budgets and Budgetary Control, after studying the Council's opinion, had examined proposals for transfer of appropriations No. 18/98 (SEC(98)1101 - C4-0391/98) concerning Chapter A-11 Staff in active employment and A-65 Global reserve for delegations, each committee considering that part of the proposal falling within its terms of reference.

In accordance with Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation, they had decided to authorize the proposal in question in its entirety, namely:

**transfer of the reserve from:**

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The Committee on Budgets, after studying the Council's opinion, had examined a proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 20/98 (SEC(98)1229 - C4-0449/98) which falls within its remit.

It decided to authorize, pursuant to Article 26(5)b of the Financial Regulation, the transfer of the
reserve:

from Chapter B0-40: Provisions (for Article B7-536)

to Article B7-536: Community contribution to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund

in respect of an amount of

CA ECU 25 000 000
PA ECU 25 000 000

The Committee on Budgetary Control, after studying the Council's opinion, had examined a proposal for transfer of appropriations No 20/98 (SEC(98)1229 - C4-0449/98), which fell within its remit.

It had decided to authorize, pursuant to Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation, the allocation to Article B7-536 (Community contribution to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund) of an amount of ECU 25 000 000 in commitment and payment appropriations from Article B7-520 (Assistance to economic reform and recovery in the New Independent States and Mongolia).

The Committee on Budgets, after studying the Council's opinion, had examined a proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 21/98 (SEC(98)1230 - C4-0453/98) concerning budget line B4-1030 Altener (renewable energy sources).

In accordance with Article 26(5)(b) of the Financial Regulation, the committee had decided to authorise the transfer of the reserve entered in:

Chapter B0-40: Provisions (for Item B4-1030)
to Item B4-1030: Altener (renewable energy sources).

The amount of commitment appropriations in question is:

ECU 11 000 000.

The Committee on Budgetary Control, after studying the Council's opinion, had examined a proposal for transfer of appropriations No. 23/98 (SEC(98)1231 - C4-0454/98) and had authorized the transfer in its entirety.

The Committee on Budgets, after studying the Council's opinion, had examined a proposal for transfer
of appropriation No. 24/98 (SEC(98)1262 - C4-0503/98) concerning budget line B7-910 Emergency aid reserve.

This request for a transfer was governed by the procedure referred to in Article 15 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 1993.

In accordance with Article 26 of the Financial Regulation, and following the Council's favourable opinion of 17 July 1998, the Committee on Budgets decided to authorise the transfer of the reserve from:

Chapter B7-91 Emergency aid reserve  
(for line B7-910)

to line B7-210 Aid, including emergency food aid, to help the populations of the developing countries and others hit by disasters or serious crises in respect of an amount of ECU 140 000 000 CA ECU 90 000 000 PA

and to line B7-214 Humanitarian aid to the people of the central and eastern European countries in respect of an amount of ECU 10 000 000 CA ECU 10 000 000 PA

4. Topical and urgent debate (motions for resolutions tabled)

The President announced that he had received from the following Members or political groups requests for the inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance of motions for resolutions pursuant to Rule 47(1):

- Ferrer and Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on forest fires in Catalonia (B4-0815/98);

- Nicholson and des Places, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, on the situation in the European pig industry (B4-0816/98);

- Bertens and Cars, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the execution of the death penalty in Gaza (B4-0817/98);

- Bertens and André-Léonard, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Sudan (B4-0819/98);

- Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on Burma (B4-0820/98);

- Bertens, Cars, and Gasòliba i Böhme, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the possible extension of the death penalty in El Salvador (B4-0821/98);

- Monfils, Bertens, Fassa and André-Léonard, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Afghanistan (B4-0823/98);

- Frischenschlager, Watson, Thors and Plooij-van Gorsel, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on equal
rights for homosexuals and lesbians in the EC (B4-0824/98);

- Maij-Weggen and Moorhouse, on behalf of the PPE Group, on Burma (B4-0825/98);

- McCartin, Banotti, Cushnahan, Gillis and Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the recent catastrophic summer flooding in China (B4-0826/98);

- Burtone, D'Andrea, Bianco, Castagnetti, Viola, Graziani, Colombo Svevo and Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on forest fires in the Community (B4-0827/98);

- McCartin, Gillis, Cushnahan, Goepel, Boge, Funk, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Sonneveld and Sturdy, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation of the pig producing industry in the EU (B4-0828/98);

- Cushnahan, Brendan P. Donnelly, Perry, Oomen-Ruijten, Gillis, Banotti, Herman and Moorhouse, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the agreement to sell Manchester United football club to BSkyB (B4-0829/98);

- Bertens, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the situation in Albania (B4-0831/98);

- Scarbonchi, Dupuis, Dell'Alba, Leperre-Verrier and Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the situation in Burma (B4-0832/98);

- Dupuis and Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the situation in Afghanistan (B4-0833/98);

- Titley, Wiersma and Imbeni, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Albania (B4-0836/98);

- Newens and Pollack, on behalf of the PSE Group, on flooding in Bangladesh (B4-0837/98);

- Apolinário, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the situation in Afghanistan (B4-0838/98);

- Colom i Naval, Terrón i Cusi and Verde i Aldea, on behalf of the PSE Group, on forest fires in Catalonia (B4-0839/98);

- Pasty, Poisson, Hyland, Gallagher and Rosado Fernandes, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the crisis in the pig industry in the EU (B4-0840/98);

- Lenz and Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on capital punishment in the Philippines (B4-0841/98);

- Bourlanges, Habsburg-Lothringen and Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the situation in Cambodia (B4-0842/98);

- Habsburg-Lothringen and Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on Albania (B4-0843/98);

- Thomas Mann and Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the floods in China (B4-0844/98);

- Telkämper, on behalf of the V Group, on flooding in Bangladesh (B4-0846/98);
- McKenna, Gahrton and Schroedter, on behalf of the V Group, on the release of political prisoners (B4-0847/98);
- Gahrton, Aglietta and Kerr, on behalf of the V Group, on flooding in China (B4-0848/98);
- Telkämper, McKenna and Aelvoet, on behalf of the V Group, on Burma (B4-0849/98);
- Ahern, on behalf of the V Group, on the Dounreay nuclear plant in Scotland (B4-0850/98);
- Schroedter, Ahern, Hautala and Breyer, on behalf of the V Group, on indigenous rights and nuclear testing (B4-0851/98);
- Roth, Lindholm and Voggenhuber, on behalf of the V Group, on equal rights for homosexuals (B4-0852/98);
- Miranda, Alavanos and Querbes, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the serious floods in Bangladesh (B4-0853/98);
- Moreau, Miranda and Alavanos, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the serious floods in China (B4-0854/98);
- Miranda, Novo and Ribeiro, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the serious consequences of the fires in Portugal (B4-0855/98);
- Papayannakis, Ephremidis, Alavanos and Theonas, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the fires in Greece (B4-0856/98);
- González Álvarez, Sierra González, Marset Campos, Jové Peres, Puerta, Mohamed Ali, Sornosa Martínez, Gutiérrez Díaz and Camero González, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the fires in Spain (B4-0857/98);
- Telkämper and Aglietta, on behalf of the V Group, on capital punishment in the Philippines (B4-0858/98);
- Eisma, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the floods in China (B4-0859/98);

The President announced that, pursuant to Rule 47(2), first subparagraph, Parliament would be informed at the end of the morning's sitting of the list of subjects to be included on the agenda for the next debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance to be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday 17 September.

5. Decision on request for urgent procedure

The next item was the vote on the following request for urgent procedure:


The President announced that the Agriculture Committee had adopted a report by Mr Kindermann (A4-
0316/98) on this proposal and had requested urgent procedure without debate.

The request for urgent procedure was approved.

This item would be added to the sitting of Friday 18 September. The deadline for tabling amendments would be 10.00 on Wednesday 16 September.

6. Amendment of Financial Regulation * (debate)

Mr Dell'Alba introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on a proposal for a Council Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) amending the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (COM(98)0206 - C4-0290/98 - 98/0130(CNS)).

The following spoke: Mr Sarlis, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Mr Rübig, draftsman of the opinion of Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy, Mr Colom i Naval, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Kjer Hansen, on behalf of the ELDR Group, and Mr Liikanen, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12.00 on Wednesday

7. Draft general budget - 1999 Budget (statement)

Mr Ruttenstorfer, President-in-Office of the Council, presented the draft general budget.

The following spoke: Mr Liikanen, Member of the Commission, Mr Samland, chairman of the Committee on Budgets, Mrs Dührkop Dührkop and Mr Viola, rapporteurs for the 1999 budget.

The President closed the item.

8. Legal bases and implementation of the budget (debate)

Mr Christodoulou introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on a proposal for an interinstitutional agreement between the European Parliament, Council and Commission on legal bases and implementation of the budget (A4-0296/98).

The following spoke: Mr Ruttenstorfer, President-in-Office of the Council, Mr Wynn, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Tillich, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Mr Brinkhorst, on behalf of the ELDR Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr COT
Vice-President

The following spoke: Mrs Moreau, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mrs Müller, on behalf of the V
Group, Mrs Ewing, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Pronk, Mrs Ojala, Mrs Lenz, Mr Ruttenstorfer and Mr Liikanen, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12.00 on Wednesday.

Mr Christodoulou, rapporteur, asked at what point during voting time his report would be put to the vote.

9. Motor vehicle emissions ***III - Quality of petrol and diesel fuels ***III (debate)

The next item was a joint debate on two reports drawn up on behalf of Parliament's Delegation to the Conciliation Committee.

Mr Lange introduced his report on:

I. Joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council Directive on measures to be taken against air pollution from motor vehicles and modifying Directives 70/156/EEC and 70/220/EEC (C4-0498/98 - 96/0164(COD)) and


(A4-0314/98).


The following spoke: Mr Bowe, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Florenz, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Eisma, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Cabrol, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Sainjon, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Blokland, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Kronberger, Non-attached Member, Mrs Graenitz, Mr Gerard Collins, Mr Schnellhardt, Mr Virgin and Mr Bjerregaard, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 12.

(The sitting was suspended at 11.45 and resumed at 12.00)

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE 
Vice-President

VOTING TIME
The President reminded the House that the vote on Mr Lannoye's recommendation for second reading on behalf of the Environment Committee (A4-0278/98) had been postponed to voting time on Wednesday to enable the rapporteur to reach a compromise with the political groups. The same applied to the vote on Mr Christodoulou's report (A4-0296/98) as the deadline for amendments had only expired at 19.00 on Monday.

10. Audiovisual policy: EC-Cyprus agreement * (procedure without debate) (vote)

Report by the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media on a proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of a bilateral agreement between the Community and the Republic of Cyprus on the Republic of Cyprus' participation in a Community programme within the framework of Community audiovisual policy (COM(98)0242 - C4-0428/98 - 98/0138(CNS)) (A4-0293/98) (rapporteur: Mr Monfils) (without debate).

(Simple majority)

- PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION COM(98)0242 - C4-0428/98 - 98/0138(CNS):

  Amendments adopted: 1 to 4 collectively

  Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (Part II, Item 1).

- DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

  Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (Part II, Item 1).

11. Legal protection of designs ***III (vote)

Report by Parliament's Delegation to the Conciliation Committee (rapporteur: Mr Medina Ortega) - A4-0315/98

(Simple majority to approve joint text)

- JOINT TEXT C4-0467/98 - 00/0464(COD):

  Parliament approved the joint text (Part II, Item 2).

12. Motor vehicle emissions ***III - Quality of petrol and diesel fuels ***III (vote)

Reports by Parliament's Delegation to the Conciliation Committee (rapporteurs: Mr Lange (A4-0314/98) and Mrs Hautala (A4-0313/98))

(Simple majority to approve joint texts)

(a) A4-0314/98
I. JOINT TEXT C4-0498/98 - 96/0164(COD)

Parliament approved the joint text by RCV (V)
   Members voting: 470
   For: 457
   Against: 6
   Abstentions: 7

(Part II, Item 3(a)).

II. JOINT TEXT C4-0499/98 - 96/0164B(COD)

Parliament approved the joint text by RCV (V)
   Members voting: 479
   For: 465
   Against: 11
   Abstentions: 3

(Part II, Item 3(a)).

(b) A4-0313/98

– JOINT TEXT C4-0500/98 - 96/0163(COD)

Parliament approved the joint text by RCV (V)
   Members voting: 487
   For: 474
   Against: 10
   Abstentions: 3

(Part II, Item 3(b)).

13. Third country aircraft safety **II (vote)

González Triviño recommendation for 2nd reading - A4-0295/98
(Qualified majority)

– COMMON POSITION OF THE COUNCIL C4-0338/98 - 97/0039(SYN):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 4 collectively

The common position was thus amended (Part II, Item 4).


Dell'Alba report - A4-0308/98
(Simple majority)

– PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(98)0206 - C4-0290/98 - 98/0130(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 17 collectively; 18, 19 and 20 collectively; 27, 21, 22
Amendments rejected: 24 by EV (232 for, 245 against, 14 abstentions); 26 by EV (216 for, 255 against, 21 abstentions); 23

Amendment fallen: 25

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (Part II, Item 5).

Draft Legislative Resolution:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (Part II, Item 5).

Explanations of vote were made by the following Members:

Medina Ortega report - A4-0315/98
- in writing: Ullmann; Buffetaut; Titley; Hager; Rovsing

Lange report - A4-0314/98
- in writing: Nicholson

Hautala report - A4-0313/98
- in writing: Buffetaut; Diez de Rivera Icaza; Lindqvist; Lis Jensen

González Triviño recommendation - A4-0295/98
- in writing: Mendes Bota; Caudron; Titley

Corrections to votes - Members present but not voting:

Lange report  (A4-314/98)
- Joint text I (C4-0498/98)
  . Intended to vote for: Caccavale, Amadeo, Angelilli, Schifone
- Joint text II (C4-0499/98)
  . Intended to vote for: Bourlanges, Plooij-van Gorsel and De Luca
  . Intended to vote against: Gollnisch

The following had been present but had not taken part in the vote: Mr Grosch and Mr Imbeni

END OF VOTING TIME
15. Topical and urgent debate (list of subjects selected)

The President informed Parliament that, in accordance with Rule 47(2), the list of subjects for the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance to be held on Thursday had been drawn up.

This list contained 29 motions for resolutions grouped together as follows:

I. ALBANIA
   B4-0831/98 by the ELDR Group
   B4-0836/98 by the PSE Group
   B4-0843/98 by the PPE Group

II. HUMAN RIGHTS
    Burma
    B4-0820/98 by the ELDR Group
    B4-0825/98 by the PPE Group
    B4-0832/98 by the ARE Group
    B4-0849/98 by the V Group

    Afghanistan
    B4-0823/98 by the ELDR Group
    B4-0833/98 by the ARE Group
    B4-0838/98 by the PSE Group

    Death penalty
    B4-0841/98 by the PPE Group (Philippines)
    B4-0858/98 by the V Group (Philippines)
    B4-0817/98 by the ELDR Group (Gaza)
    B4-0821/98 by the ELDR Group (El Salvador)

    Cambodia
    B4-0842/98 by the PPE Group

III. DISASTERS
    Floods in China
    B4-0826/98 by the PPE Group
    B4-0848/98 by the V Group
    B4-0854/98 by the GUE/NGL Group
    B4-0859/98 by the ELDR Group

    Floods in Bangladesh
    B4-0837/98 by the PSE Group
    B4-0844/98 by the PPE Group
    B4-0846/98 by the V Group
    B4-0853/98 by the GUE/NGL Group

    Forest fires in Spain
    B4-0815/98 by the PPE Group
    B4-0839/98 by the PSE Group
    B4-0857/98 by the GUE/NGL Group
Forest fires in the Union
B4-0827/98 by the PPE Group

Forest fires in Portugal
B4-0855/98 by the GUE/NGL Group

Forest fires in Greece
B4-0856/98 by the GUE/NGL Group

In accordance with Rule 47(3), the overall speaking time for Thursday's debate had been allocated as follows, subject to modification of the list:

For one of the authors: 1 minute
Members: 45 minutes in total

In accordance with Rule 47(2), second subparagraph, any objections to this list, which would have to be tabled and justified in writing by a political group or at least 29 Members, had to be tabled by 20.00 that evening. The vote on these objections would be taken without debate at the beginning of the next day's sitting.

(The sitting was suspended at 12.25 and resumed at 15.00)

IN THE CHAIR: Mr VERDE I ALDEA
Vice-President

16. Action on Parliament's opinions

The Commission communications on action taken on Parliament's opinions and resolutions from the part-sessions of May I and II and June 1998 and on the resolution on biosecurity and food security (B4-1242, 1246, 1247 and 1252/96) had been distributed.

17. Climate change (statement with debate)

Mrs Bjerregaard, Member of the Commission, made a statement on the Commission's strategy following the Kyoto Conference on climate change.

The following spoke: Mrs Graenitz, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Pimenta, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Eisma, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Breyer, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Weber, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Gollnisch, Non-attached Member, Mr Linkohr, Mrs Sandbæk, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Virgin, Mrs Kestelijn-Sierens, Mrs Taubira-Delannon, Mr Kronberger, Mrs POLLACK, Mrs Baldi, Mr Lange, Mrs McNally, Mrs Bjerregaard and Mrs Breyer, who put questions to the Commission which Mrs Bjerregaard answered.

The President had received the following motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 37(2):

- Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection on climate change in the run-up to Buenos Aires (B4-0802/98).
The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12.00 on Thursday.

18. **Effect of plans and programmes on environment** (debate)

Mr Lannoye, deputizing for the rapporteur, introduced the report drawn up by Mr Gahrton, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on a proposal for a Council Directive on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (COM(96)0511 - C4-0191/97 - 96/0304(SYN)) (A4-0245/98).

The following spoke: Mr Blokland, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Economic Affairs and monétaire, Mrs Estevan Bolea, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy, Mr White, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Dybkjær, on behalf of the ELDR Group, and Mr Papayannakis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group.

**IN THE CHAIR: Mr HAARDER**

*Vice-President*

The following spoke: Mrs Breyer, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Kronberger, Non-attached Member, Mr Florenz, Mrs Schleicher, Mrs Bjerregaard, Member of the Commission, Mr White, Mrs Jackson, first on the remarks by Mr White and then to put a question to the Commission, Mrs Estevan Bolea, Mrs Breyer, (the President cut her off) and Mrs Bjerregaard, who answered Mrs Jackson’s question concerning the legal basis.

The President closed the debate.

He announced that the vote on the report would be postponed pending the opinion of the Legal Affairs Committee on the legal basis.

19. **Civil subsonic jet aeroplanes** (debate)

Mr Valverde López introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, on a proposal for a Council Directive on the registration and use within the Community of certain types of civil subsonic jet aeroplanes which have been modified and recertified as meeting the standards of Volume I, Part II, Chapter 3 of Annex 16 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, third edition (July 1993) (COM(98)0098 - C4-0212/98 - 98/0070(SYN)) (A4-0279/98).

The following spoke: Mr Lagendijk, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Transport, Mr Bowe, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Oomen-Ruijten, on behalf of the PPE Group, and Mrs Bjerregaard, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12.00 on Wednesday.
20. Waste management (debate)


The following spoke: Mr Bowe, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mrs Jackson, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Eisma, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Fitzsimons, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mrs González Álvarez, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, and Mrs McKenna, on behalf of the V Group.

As it was now time for Question Time the President announced that four Members still had to take the floor in the debate and established that the House had no objection to completing the debate before moving on to Question Time.

Mr Herman insisted speaking time be adhered to strictly.

The following spoke in the continuation of the debate: Mr Trakatellis, Mr Querbes, Mr Caudron and Mrs Bjerregaard, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12.00 on Wednesday.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GUTIÉRREZ DÍAZ
Vice-President

21. Question Time (Commission)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Commission (B4-0482/98).

First part

Question 44 by Charlotte Cederschiöld: Social security in the event of moving abroad

Mr Monti, Member of the Commission, answered the question and asked the author to consult Commissioner Flynn and provide him with further details. He then answered a supplementary by Mrs Cederschiöld.

Question 45 by Robert Evans: Voting rights for EU citizens

Mr Monti answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Evans.

Question 46 by Willy De Clercq: Voting rights for the European elections which must be granted, pursuant to the Treaty, to all EU subjects

Mr Monti answered the question and a supplementary by Mr De Clercq.

Question 47 by Mark Killilea lapsed as its author was absent.

Second part
Question 48 by María Izquierdo Rojo: Implementation of Euro-Mediterranean policies in Algeria

Mr Marin, Vice-President of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Izquierdo Rojo.

Question 49 by Maj Theorin: Burma
Question 50 by Johanna Maj-Weggen: The situation in Burma

Mr Marin answered the questions and a supplementary by Mrs Theorin.

Question 51 by Bernd Posselt: Christians in East Timor

Mr Marin answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Posselt.

Question 52 by Glenys Kinnock: Cambodia

Mr Marin answered the question and supplementaries by Mrs Kinnock and Mr Posselt.

Questions 53 and 54 would receive written answers.

Question 55 by Astrid Thors: Commission communication on pan-European geographic information

Mr Bangemann, Member of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Thors.

Question 56 by Per Gahrton lapsed as its author was absent.

Question 57 by Mark Watts: Safer car fronts

Mr Bangemann answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Watts.

Question 58 by Niall Andrews: Malicious telephone calls

Mr Bangemann answered the question.

Question 59 by Jonas Sjöstedt: EU membership and EMU

Mr de Silguy, Member of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Bonde, deputizing for the author.

Question 60 by Esko Seppänen: Coordination of EU countries' economic policies

Mr de Silguy answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Seppänen.

Question 61 by Paul Rübig: Denominating EURO banknotes

Mr de Silguy answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Rübig.

Question 62 by Hans Lindqvist: EMU - 'A new Berlin Wall'

Mr de Silguy answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Lindqvist.

Question 63 by Wayne David: Future of the British Royal Mint
Mr de Silguy answered the question and a supplementary by Mr David.

Question 64 was not called as the subject it dealt with was already on the agenda for the part-session.

Questions 65 to 107 would receive written answers.

The President closed Question Time to the Commission.

(The sitting was suspended at 19.15 and resumed at 21.00)

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs SCHLEICHER
Vice-President

22. Commitology (statement with debate)

Mr Oreja, Member of the Commission, made a statement on commitology.

The following spoke: Mrs Aglietta, rapporteur on behalf of the Committee on Institutional Affairs, on the revision of the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (commitology), Mr De Giovanni, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Herman, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mrs Spaak, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mr Crowley, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Saint-Pierre, on behalf of the ARE Group, Mr Bonde, on behalf of the I-EDN Group, Mr Schäfer, Mrs Lenz, Mr Corbett, Mr Alan J. Donnelly and Mr Barton.

The President had received the following motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 37(2):

- De Giovanni, on behalf of the Committee on Institutional Affairs, on the modification of the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission - 'commitology' (Council Decision of 13 July 1987) (B4-0801/98).

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12.00 on Wednesday.

23. Supervision of insurance undertakings ***II (debate)

Mrs Mosiek-Urbahn introduced her recommendation for second reading, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights, on a common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Directive on the supplementary supervision of insurance undertakings in an insurance group (C4-0308/98 - 95/0245(COD)) (A4-0286/98).

The following spoke: Mrs Oddy, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Ullmann, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Buffet, Non-attached Member, Mr Caudron and Mr Monti, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12.00 on Wednesday.
24. **Islam and Averroes European Day (debate)**

Mr Mohamed Ali introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media, on Islam and Averroes European Day (A4-0167/98).

The following spoke: Mrs Hautala, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Women’s Rights, Mrs Tongue, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Monfils, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Mrs Guinebértière, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Ullmann, on behalf of the V Group, Mrs Seillier, Non-attached Member, Mrs Baldi, Mr Féret, Mr Oostlander, Mr Antony and Mr Oreja, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: 12.00 on Wednesday.

25. **Agenda for next sitting**

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting of Wednesday 16 September 1998:

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- Council and Commission statements on international financial crisis and political developments in Russia
- McMillan-Scott report on Customs Union with Turkey
- Council and Commission statements on situation in Kosovo
- Secchi report on associated companies *
- joint debate on Langen and Miller reports on VAT and excise duty *
- Castagnède report on tax harmonisation
- joint debate on four reports (Harrison, Rübig, Hendrick and Scarbonchi) on SMEs ***I/*

12.00
- Schaffner report on European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (Rule 52)
- Schulz report on Europol Drugs Unit (Rule 52)
- votes

17.30 - 19.00
- Question Time (Council)

*(The sitting closed at 22.55)*
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A4-0293/98

Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a bilateral agreement between the Community and the Republic of Cyprus on the Republic of Cyprus' participation in a Community programme within the framework of Community audiovisual policy (COM(98)0242 - C4-0428/98 - 98/0138(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

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Whereas participation by Cypriots in the training section of the MEDIA II programme will enable the young generation of Cypriots to establish trans-European links that will undoubtedly play a role in the future attainment of peace for Cyprus:
Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a bilateral agreement between the Community and the Republic of Cyprus on the Republic of Cyprus' participation in a Community programme within the framework of Community audiovisual policy (COM(98)0242 - C4- 0428/98 - 98/0138(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(98)0242-98/0138(CNS)(1),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 228(3), first indent, of the EC Treaty (C4-0428/98),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A4-0293/98),

1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
4. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
5. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

2. Legal protection of designs ***III

A4-0215/98

Decision on the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee for a European Parliament and Council Directive concerning the legal protection of designs (C4-0467/98 - 00/0464(COD))

(Codecision procedure: third reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee and the relevant Commission declarations (C4-0467/98 - 00/0464(COD)),
- having regard to its opinion at first reading(1) on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council COM(93)0344(2),
- having regard to its decision on the common position(3),
- having regard to the Commission's opinion on Parliament's amendments to the common position (COM(97)0622 - C4-0630/97),
- having regard to Article 189b(5) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Rule 77(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of its delegation to the Conciliation Committee (A4-0315/98),

1. Approves the joint text;

2. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, pursuant to Article 191(1) of the EC Treaty;

3. Instructs its Secretary-General duly to sign the act and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to have it published in the Official Journal;

4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

3. Motor vehicle emissions ***III - Quality of petrol and diesel fuels ***III

(a) A4-0314/98


(Codecision procedure: third reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee and the relevant Commission declaration (C4-0498/98 - 96/0164(COD)) and the joint declaration of the European Parliament and the Council,

- having regard to its opinion at first reading(1) on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council COM(96)0248 and COM(97)0077(2),

- having regard to its decision on the common position(3),

- having regard to the Commission's opinion on Parliament's amendments to the common position (COM(98)0211 - C4-0226/98),

- having regard to Article 189b(5) of the EC Treaty,

- having regard to Rule 77(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

- having regard to the report of its delegation to the Conciliation Committee (A4-0314/98),

1. Approves the joint text and the joint declaration of the European Parliament and the Council;

2. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, pursuant to Article 191(1) of the EC Treaty;

3. Instructs its Secretary-General duly to sign the act and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to have it published in the Official Journal;

4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

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(3) OJ C 80, 16.3.1998, p. 101

(Codecision procedure: third reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee and the relevant Commission declarations (C4-0499/98 - 96/0164B(COD)) and the joint declaration of the European Parliament and the Council,

- having regard to its opinion at first reading(1) on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council COM(97)0061(2),

- having regard to its decision on the common position(3),

- having regard to the Commission's opinion on Parliament's amendments to the common position (COM(98)0397 - C4-0401/98),

- having regard to Article 189b(5) of the EC Treaty,

- having regard to Rule 77(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

- having regard to the report of its delegation to the Conciliation Committee (A4-0314/98),

1. Approves the joint text and the joint declaration of the European Parliament and the Council;

2. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, pursuant to Article 191(1) of the EC Treaty;

3. Instructs its Secretary-General duly to sign the act and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to have it published in the Official Journal;

4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.


(Codecision procedure: third reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee and the relevant Commission declarations (C4-0500/98 - 96/0163(COD)),

- having regard to its opinion at first reading(1) on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council COM(96)0248(2),

- having regard to its decision on the common position(3),

- having regard to the Commission's opinion on Parliament's amendments to the common position (COM(98)0241 - C4-0267/98),

- having regard to Article 189b(5) of the EC Treaty,

- having regard to Rule 77(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

- having regard to the report of its delegation to the Conciliation Committee (A4-0313/98),

1. Approves the joint text;

2. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, pursuant to Article 191(1) of the EC Treaty;

3. Instructs its Secretary-General duly to sign the act and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to have it published in the Official Journal;

4. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

4. Third-country aircraft safety **II

A4-0295/98

Decision on the common position adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a Council Directive establishing a safety assessment of third-country aircraft using Community airports (C4-0338/98 - 97/0039(SYN))

(Cooperation procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the common position of the Council, C4-0338/98 - 97/0039(SYN),
- having regard to its opinion at first reading(¹) on the Commission proposal to the Council COM(97)0055(²),
- having regard to the amended Commission proposal, COM(98)0123(³),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 189c of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A4-0295/98),

1. Amends the common position as follows;

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission.

(¹) OJ C 371, 8.12.1997, p. 64.
Common position of the Council

Amendments by Parliament

(Amendment 1)
Article 5(1), introduction

1. Each Member State shall put in place the appropriate means to ensure that third-country aircraft suspected of non-compliance with international safety standards landing at any of its airports usually open to international air traffic shall be subject to ramp inspections. In implementing such procedures, particular attention shall be given by the competent authority to aircraft:

Protection of information

1. The information exchanged in accordance with Article 6 shall be used solely for the purpose of this Directive. If this information has been received from a Member State in confidence, its access shall be limited to the participating competent authorities and the Commission. Each Member State shall decide whether information collected in its territory can be passed on to other international organizations.

Protection and dissemination of information

1. The information exchanged in accordance with Article 6 shall be used solely for the purpose of this Directive and its access shall be limited to the participating competent authorities and the Commission.
1a. Each Member State shall publish half-yearly information available to the public concerning:
- the number of aircraft grounded during the previous six-month period, including in particular the type of aircraft, the name and country of the operator, the State of registration, the reason for grounding and the airport and date of grounding, as well as any corrective measures notified as a consequence of the grounding;
- the type of aircraft, State of registration and name and country of the operators whose aircraft has been detained more than once during the past 24 months, the reason for grounding and the airport and date on which the grounding was imposed, as well as any corrective measures notified as a result of the grounding;
- the list of airports open to international traffic, the number of ramp inspections carried out and the number of movements of third-country aircraft at each airport on the list;
- the number of ramp inspections communicated in accordance with the provisions of Article 6(3).

1b. The Commission may, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11, decide on the release of supplementary information to third parties such as safety and air passenger associations if it is deemed to be in the interest of air safety.

(Amendment 3)
Article 10(b)

(b) the Committee referred to in Article 12 shall consider what measures Member States deem necessary.

(b) the Commission may, in consultation with the Committee referred to in Article 12, identify the Community-wide implications of the perceived safety hazard;

(ba) the Commission may, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11, propose any measure deemed necessary including the extension to the Community of the measures notified under (a).
(Amendment 4)
Article 12(1), 2nd subparagraph, 3rd indent (new)

- taking any decision or any appropriate measures referred to in Article 10 (ba).

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

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<td>1a. The first subparagraph of Article 7(3) is replaced by the following:</td>
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<td>&quot;3. In the case of appropriations for which a decision to carry over may be taken in accordance with point 1(a), the Commission shall forward to the budgetary authority not later than 15 February, the duly substantiated requests to carry over appropriations made by the European Parliament, the Council, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, the Ombudsman and the Commission itself;&quot;</td>
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2a. The first paragraph of Article 12 is replaced by the following:

"The European Parliament, the Council, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the Ombudsman shall, each year before 1 July, draw up an estimate of their revenue and expenditure for the following year."

(Amendment 4)
ARTICLE 1(2b) (new)
Article 12, 2nd paragraph (Financial Regulation)

2b. The second paragraph of Article 12 is deleted.

(Amendment 5)
ARTICLE 1(2c) (new)
Article 13(3a) (new) (Financial Regulation)

2c. In Article 13 the following new paragraph 3a is added:

"3a. Each of the institutions, within the meaning of Article 22(2) and (5), shall supplement the above-mentioned introduction by a statement, accompanied by analytical expenditure accounts, on the sectors concerned and on the measures taken in the field of interinstitutional cooperation."

(Amendment 6)
ARTICLE 1(2d) (new)
Article 14, 1st paragraph (Financial Regulation)
2d. The first paragraph of Article 14 is replaced by the following:

"The Commission may, on its own initiative or if requested by the European Parliament, the Council, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions or the Ombudsman, each in respect of its own section, present to the Council a letter of amendment to the preliminary draft budget necessitated by the receipt of new information which was not available at the time the preliminary draft was established."

(Amendment 7)
ARTICLE 1(2e) (new)
Article 15(4) (Financial Regulation)

2e. Article 15(4) is replaced by the following:

"4. Requests for supplementary and/or amending budgets from the European Parliament, the Council, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, or the Ombudsman shall be forwarded by the Commission to the budgetary authority. The Commission may attach a dissenting opinion."

(Amendment 8)
ARTICLE 1(2f) (new)
Article 15(6a) (new) (Financial Regulation)

2f. In Article 15 the following new paragraph 6a is added:

"6a. Preliminary draft budgets shall also assess the potential impact of any supplementary and/or amending budgets adopted by the decentralized bodies in respect of the current financial year."

(Amendment 9)
ARTICLE 1(2g) (new)
Article 15a (new) (Financial Regulation)
2g. After Article 15 the following new Article 15a is added:

"Article 15a

Whenever the decentralized bodies referred to in Article 20(3) adopt a supplementary and/or amending budget in accordance with the provisions laid down in their basic regulation, the Commission shall inform the budgetary authority thereof without delay."

(Amendment 10)
ARTICLE 1(3)(a)
Article 19(1) 1st subparagraph, 2nd indent (Financial Regulation)

"separate sections subdivided into statements of revenue and expenditure of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions."

(Amendment 11)
ARTICLE 1(3)(aa) (new)
Article 19(1) 2nd subparagraph (Financial Regulation)

(aa) the second subparagraph is deleted.

(Amendment 12)
ARTICLE 1(3)(ba) (new)
Article 19(1) 4th subparagraph, 2nd indent, 2nd paragraph (new) (Financial Regulation)

(ba) in the fourth subparagraph, the following new paragraph is added to the second indent:

"The revenue of the decentralized bodies shall be the subject of estimates for each financial year and shall be entered in the general statement of revenue."

(Amendment 13)
ARTICLE 1(4a) (new)
Article 20(2)(b)(bb), 4th indent a (new) (Financial Regulation)
4a. In Article 20(2)(b)(bb) the following new indent is added after the fourth indent:

"- the preassigned resources of the decentralized bodies in the form of estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year."

(Amendment 14)
ARTICLE 1(5)
Article 20(3), 1st indent (Financial Regulation)

5. In the first indent of Article 20(3), 'the staff of the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and their common organisational structure shall be shown separately in their specific section' is deleted.

5. In the first indent of Article 20(3), 'the staff of the Ombudsman shall be shown separately in Parliament's establishment plan. The staff of the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and their common organisational structure shall be shown separately in their specific section' is deleted.

(Amendment 15)
ARTICLE 1(5a) (new)
Article 20(3) 3rd indent (Financial Regulation)

5a. The third indent of Article 20(3) is replaced by the following:

"- an establishment plan setting the number of posts for each grade in each category in:

- the Office for Official Publications,

- the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training,

- the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions,

- the Translation Centre for bodies of the Union,

- the Community Plant Variety Office,

- the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia."
- the European Agency for Health and Safety at Work,
- the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction,
- the European Environment Agency,
- the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market,
- the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products,
- the European Training Foundation.

(Amendment 16)
ARTICLE 1(6)(-a)(new)
Article 22(2), 1st subparagraph (Financial Regulation)

(-a) in paragraph 2, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

"2. The Commission shall confer upon the European Parliament, the Council, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the Ombudsman the requisite powers for the implementation of the sections of the budget relating to them."

(Amendment 17)
ARTICLE 1(6)(a)
Article 22(2), 2nd subparagraph (Financial Regulation)

(a) in paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is deleted;

(a) in paragraph 2 the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

"The institutions shall make every effort to give substance to the rationalization of administrative expenditure through interinstitutional cooperation evidencing cost-effectiveness."

(Amendment 18)
ARTICLE 1(6)(aa) (new)
Article 22(2) 2nd subparagraph a (new) (Financial Regulation)
(aa) in paragraph 2, the following new subparagraph is added after the second subparagraph:

"The Commission's powers of inquiry into the implementation of these sections shall be exercised in accordance with procedures established by agreement with the institutions concerned."

(Amendment 19)
ARTICLE 1(9)
Article 26(2), 2nd subparagraph (Financial Regulation)

9. In the second subparagraph of Article 26(2), ' - the two latter each with regard to the part which relates to it and by common agreement with regard to the common organisational structure -' is deleted.

(Amendment 20)
ARTICLE 1(9a) (new)
Article 26(4) 3rd subparagraph (Financial Regulation)

9a. The third subparagraph of Article 26(4) is replaced by the following:

"Proposals made by the other institutions, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the Ombudsman for transfers from one chapter to another shall be automatically forwarded to the budgetary authority; the Commission may attach its own opinion to such proposals."

(Amendment 27)
ARTICLE 1(15a) (new)
Article 105(4a) (new) (Financial Regulation)
15a. In Article 105, the following new paragraph 4a is added:

"4a. Aid granted to countries that have applied for accession to the European Union may be managed locally by those countries, provided the provisions of the Council Directives on coordination of the procedures for the award of public works, supply and service contracts are implemented in those countries."

(Amendment 21)
ARTICLE 1(17)
Article 126a(b) (Financial Regulation)

(b) in parallel, and without prejudice to Article 28a, commitment and payment appropriations shall be entered in a heading in the statement of expenditure to match these amounts in the statement of revenue. These appropriations shall cover the repayments provided for in Article 16 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1467/97.

(Amendment 22)
ARTICLE 2, 1st subparagraph

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1999.

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Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) amending the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities (COM(98)0206 - C4-0290/98 - 98/0130(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council COM(98)0206 - 98/0130(CNS)(¹),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 209 of the EC Treaty, Article 78h of the ECSC Treaty and Article 183 of the Euratom Treaty (C4-0290/98),
- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the joint declaration of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 4 March 1975 and in particular Articles 1 and 2 thereof,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinions of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (A4-0308/98),

1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;

2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty and Article 119, second paragraph, of the Euratom Treaty;

3. Calls for the conciliation procedure to be opened should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;

4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.