

Application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union. Framework Decision. Initiative Austria, Finland, Sweden

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By adopting the renewed consultation report by Ioannis **VARVITSIOTIS** (EPP-ED, EL), the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs approved the draft Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgements in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union.

The committee included a new recital which states that procedural rights in criminal proceedings are a crucial element for ensuring mutual confidence among the Member States in judicial cooperation, and despite the efforts of the German Presidency, no agreement has thus far been reached following the presentation of a draft Framework Decision by the Commission, backed by Parliament.