EC/Council of Europe agreement: cooperation between the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the Council of Europe

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Adamos **ADAMOU** (GUE/NGL, CY) on the proposal for a Council decision relating to the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Council of Europe on cooperation between the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the Council of Europe.

The rapporteur underlines that the common aim of protection of fundamental rights shared by both the European Fundamental Rights Agency and the Council of Europe has to be achieved in a complementary and positive manner, duplication must be avoided. Moreover, given the importance of the issues treated by the Council of Europe and the Agency, initiatives should be taken to strengthen transparency and complementarity of implementing actions, by involving the European Parliament through periodic reports.