Social Protection Committee

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The European Parliament adopted by 542 votes to 80, with 15 abstentions, within the framework of a special procedure (consultation of Parliament), a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision establishing the Social Protection Committee and repealing Decision 2004/689/EC.

The European Parliament approved, as amended, the proposed Council Decision to establish a Social Protection Committee, with advisory status, to promote cooperation on social protection policies between Member States and with the Commission.

Parliament stated, in a recital, that the Council had approved the four broad objectives identified by the Commission within the overall challenge of modernising social protection systems, namely:

- to make work pay and provide secure income,
- to make pensions safe and pension systems sustainable,
- to promote social inclusion, and
- to ensure high quality and **sustainable health care for all**.

With regard to strengthening the social dimension of the economic and monetary union (EMU), the Parliament stressed the importance of ensuring better coordination of **employment, social and socio-economic policies**, while fully respecting national competences.