Simplifying the requirements for presenting certain public documents in the EU

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The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on promoting the free movement of citizens by simplifying the requirements for presenting certain public documents in the European Union and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012.

In line with the recommendation made by the Committee on Legal Affairs, **Parliament approved, at second reading following the ordinary legislative procedure, the Council position at first reading** without amendment.

A proposal to reject the Council position tabled by the ENF group was rejected by 48 votes to 565, with 4 abstentions.

The draft Regulation aims to promote the free movement of citizens and businesses by simplifying the acceptance of certain public documents in the European Union. It also foresees simplification of other formalities related to the cross-border acceptance of public documents, namely of certified copies and certified translations.