

Application of open network provision (ONP) to voice telephony

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Following the question by the rapporteur, Mrs READ, as to whether or not the Commission was prepared to support the compromise between Parliament and the Council on consumer protection, Commissioner PAPOUTSIS confirmed that the Commission fully espoused the new compromise in the form of Amendment No 3, which avoided the conciliation procedure and speeded up progress towards approval of the Directive. However, Amendment No 2 on the initial text of the same Article 7(1) could lead to conciliation that would be unlikely to result in approval of the Directive by the Council. Finally, as regards Amendment No 1, the Commission accepted the principle of an explanatory note on comitology in the form of a new recital.