

Expiry of the ECSC treaty: financial consequences and research fund for coal and steel

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The purpose of this proposal is to present the changes made to the Commission's proposals adopted on 6 September 2000 on the financial and research activities to be carried out after expiry of the ECSC Treaty. These changes are necessary to accommodate the new legal basis constituted by the Protocol, annexed to the Treaty of Nice, on the financial consequences of the expiry of the ECSC Treaty and on the Research for Coal and Steel. They constitute a purely technical adaptation of the framework decision. The essential content of the initial proposal remains unchanged. The changes proposed to the framework decision concern the legal basis and consultation of the European Parliament. The Protocol obviates the need for Article 2 of the initial framework decision concerning transfer and allocation of the ECSC's assets, and the reference to Article 4 of the Financial Regulation in Article 5 of the same decision, which have been deleted.