Intellectual property, original works of art: resale right for the benefit of the author

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Following the vote to adopt the draft report by Mrs Ana PALACIO (PPE, E), the Legal Affairs Committee withdrew manuscripts from the list proposed by the Commission. It also considered that protection should be limited to no more than ten copies of original works of art. The committee considered that it was up to the Member States to set a minimum threshold of no more than ECU 1000 for sales subject to resale rights. Artists' resale rights would vary from 1.5 to 4%, depending on the price (with provision made for three price bands). Mrs PALACIO considered that the adoption (subject to amendment) of this proposal for a directive was "a clear success in an ill-defined area".