Amsterdam Treaty, entry into force: effects on current legislative procedures

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Ana Palacio Vallelersundi (PPE,ES) on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending as at 01/05/99, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam). The European Parliament notes the legislative proposals forwarded by the Commission and, as regards all those which have evolved towards the codecision procedure, considers, as a general rule, that the procedure began on 01/05/99. It considers that, given the current political circumstances linked to the completion of the work of the fourth parliament, it would be more appropriate for the next parliament to confirm most of the proposals adopted under legislative procedures which have evolved towards codecision procedure. The Parliament considers nonetheless that, in particular for urgent legislative proposals coming under the codecision procedure, an accelerated procedure could be implemented with a view to taking a final decison thereon. In connection with proposals relating to the area of freedom, security and justice, the Parliament urges the Commission to submit legislative proposals taking due account of the change in nature of the acts concerned.