

Coastal zones: integrated management ICZM, implementation of a strategy

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Mrs Patricia McKENNA (Greens/EFA, IRE) on the Council's common position. However, it was subject to several amendments which relate in particular to the Member States' report to the Commission on the experience in implementation of this Recommendation 45 months after its adoption as opposed to five years as stated in the common position. In addition, the Commission should review this Recommendation within 55 months following the date of its adoption and submit to the European Parliament and the Council an evaluation report accompanied if appropriate by a proposal for further Community action. The Council in its common position has specified six years. Lastly, Parliament insists that there is a need to ensure coherent action at European level, including cooperative action and consultation with regional seas organisations, such as the International Maritime Organisation, to address cross-border coastal zone problems. Parliament also takes into consideration the increasing frequency and violence of storms and the need to include protection of coastal settlements and their cultural heritage.