Combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography: criminal offences, penalties and sanctions. Framework decision

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In adopting the report of Anna KARAMANOU (PES, GR) (see previous document), the European Parliament approved it by 446 votes in favour, 16 against and 48 abstentions. In adopting the report, the European Parliament voted to delete the Commission's text that certain images should not be considered child pornography if it is determined that the person posing as a child was actually older than 18 years. Finally, MEPs advocated better protection of and asistance to victims and witnesses and stated that financial compensation for rehabilitation should be compulsory and be financed out of confiscated proceeds of crime. Furthermore, registers should be made of all persons convicted of serious sexual offences against children or of child pornography. These registers should be accessible to all Member States and Europol.