Investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector

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The committee adopted the report by Jaromir KOHLICEK (GUE/NGL, CZ) amending - under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure - the proposed directive establishing the fundamental principles governing the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector. The amendments were aimed at boosting the independence of permanent investigation bodies and distinguishing more clearly between technical and criminal investigations. The committee also highlighted the importance of rapid alert measures in case of accident or incident .

Among other recommendations, MEPs proposed introducing a new article requiring Member States to comply with the IMO guidelines on the fair treatment of seafarers in the event of a maritime accident. Lastly, they wanted the Commission to report to Parliament every three years on the degree of implementation and compliance with the directive, and set out any further steps felt to be necessary.