Basic information

1993/1186(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Convention on the protection and use of trans-boundary watercourses and international lakes See also 2013/0127(NLE) **Subject** 3.70.04 Water control and management, pollution of waterways, water pollution	

Key players

Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Budget	1866	1995-07-24

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/06/1993	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0271	Summary
13/09/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/03/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
24/07/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
24/07/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
05/08/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1993/1186(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 2013/0127(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 228-p2/3-a1 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 130S-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/3/04838

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A3-0174/1994 OJ C 128 09.05.1994, p. 0008	23/03/1994	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0354/1994 OJ C 128 09.05.1994, p. 0412-0467	22/04/1994	Summary

European Commission			
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1993)0271 OJ C 212 05.08.1993, p. 0060	14/06/1993	Summary

Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1155/1993 OJ C 034 02.02.1994, p. 0001	24/11/1993	Summary

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 1995/0308 OJ L 186 05.08.1995, p. 0042	Summary

Convention on the protection and use of trans-boundary watercourses and international lakes

1993/1186(CNS) - 24/11/1993 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

Convention on the protection and use of trans-boundary watercourses and international lakes

1993/1186(CNS) - 24/07/1995

The Council approved, on behalf of the Community, the Convention on the protection and use of transboundary watercourses and international lakes (Helsinki Convention). This Convention was signed in Helsinki on 18 March 1992. Its main purpose is to establish a framework for bilateral or multilateral cooperation to prevent and control the pollution of transboundary watercourses and to ensure the rational use of water resources in the member countries of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe .

Convention on the protection and use of trans-boundary watercourses and international lakes

1993/1186(CNS) - 22/04/1994 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr SANTOS on the use of transboundary watercourses and lakes.

Convention on the protection and use of trans-boundary watercourses and international lakes

1993/1186(CNS) - 14/06/1993 - Legislative proposal

The proposal for a decision aimed to obtain approval by the Council, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Trans-Boundary Watercourses and International Lakes, adopted at Helsinki on 18 March 1992. This Convention had been drafted under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe by a working group on water problems, in which the Commission represented the Community. The objective of the Convention was to supply a framework for bilateral and multilateral projects to protect the aquatic environment, prevent and control the pollution of trans-boundary watercourses and ensure efficient use of the water resources of the Member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Convention on the protection and use of trans-boundary watercourses and international lakes

1993/1186(CNS) - 24/07/1995 - Final act

- OBJECTIVE: to set a framework for bilateral and multilateral cooperation which seeks to protect the aquatic environment and to control the pollution of transboundary watercourses and lakes. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 95/308/EC of 24.07.95 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of a convention on the protection and use of transboundary watercourses and international lakes. - SUBSTANCE: Signed at Helsinki on 18.03.1992, this Convention sets a framework for bilateral and multilateral cooperation which is designed to prevent and to control the pollution of transboundary watercourses and to ensure the rational use of water resources in Member Countries of the Economic Commission for Europe (UN). The Convention includes provisions which seek to authorize the parties to adopt the relevant legal, administrative, economic, financial and technical measures designed to reduce the transboundary impact of pollution. The parties are further required to set up programmes to monitor the condition of transboundary watercourses. The Convention also provides for a series of measures which apply to those parties whose territory borders the said watercourses. These provisions relate to: . the setting-up of bilateral or multilateral cooperation, . consultations on issues of common interest, . joint monitoring and assessment of pollution levels, . joint research actions and the exchange of information, . the setting up of an alarm system to warn of critical environmental situations, with mutual aid to be provided if necessary, . ensuring that the public is kept informed. The Convention is accompanied by annexes which mainly include guidelines for the implementation of best environmental practices and for the laying down of objectives and criteria in respect of water quality. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: The Convention takes effect 90 days after the final submission of the Member States' instruments of ratification and approval. For the Community, the incumbent President of the Council (Mr P. SOLBES MIRA) will appoint a person or persons authorized to submit the EU's instrument of approval to the Secretary of the United Nations.