Basic information

1995/0004(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Conclusion of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic **Subject** 3.70.05 Marine and coastal pollution, pollution from ships, oil pollution	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	2062	1997-12-16
Social Affairs	2030	1997-10-07

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/01/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0660	Summary
13/02/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/02/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
07/10/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
07/10/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/04/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0004(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 130S-p1

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/06417

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Additional information

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Final act

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OJ L 104 03.04.1998, p. 0001 Summary

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1995/0004(CNS) - 17/03/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Parliament approved the proposal for a decision in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 143 of its Rules of Procedure (procedure without report).

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1995/0004(CNS) - 07/10/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to conclude, on behalf of the Communities, the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the north-east Atlantic. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 98/249/EC on the conclusion of the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the north-east Atlantic. SUBSTANCE: The Convention has two objectives: 1) to implement all possible measures to prevent and eliminate pollution in the north-east Atlantic maritime area; 2) to adopt the necessary measures to protect the area against the damaging impact of human activity so as to safeguard

human health and preserve marine ecosystems. The Convention was concluded on 22.09.1992 and revises the Oslo and Paris Conventions for the prevention of marine pollution (concluded in 1972 and 1975 respectively). More particularly, the prevention measures to which the Convention relates are as follows: -prevention and elimination of pollution from land-based sources, -prevention of pollution by dumping or incineration, -prevention and elimination of offshore pollution (pollution originating primarily from man-made structures, plant or vessels at sea for the exploitation of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons, pipelines or any installation floating or fixed to the seabed), -assessment of the quality of the marine environment. Parties to the Convention are required to do everything possible to prevent or eliminate any risk of pollution and to protect the maritime area concerned. The Convention is based on two fundamental principles: 1) the precautionary principle, whereby preventive measures must be taken whenever there are grounds for concern about the marine environment, 2) the polluter-pays principle. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 07.10.1997, and the Convention will enter into force when all the parties have have notified one another that the necessary procedures have been completed.

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1995/0004(CNS) - 06/01/1995 - Legislative proposal

The proposal for a decision seeks to conclude, on behalf of the Community, the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the north-east Atlantic. The legal basis chosen for the conclusion of this Convention is that of paragraphs 2, 3(1) and 4 of Article 228 plus paragraph 1 of Article 130 S, which consequently means that Parliament's assent procedure is excluded (according to the Commission Parliament is not required as no binding act can be taken by the committee instituted under the Convention, whose work is essentially of a technical nature and will not lead to the setting up of "a specific institutional framework involving the organization of cooperation procedures", in the sense of Article 228(3)(2) of the Treaty providing for the assent of Parliament). The aim of the Convention is to implement all possible measures in order to prevent and eliminate pollution, together with the necessary measures to protect this maritime zone from the damaging impact of human activity so as to safeguard human health and preserve marine ecosystems. The Convention was concluded on 22.09.1992 and revises the Oslo and Paris Conventions for the prevention of marine pollution (concluded in 1972 and 1975 respectively). The Convention relates to the following measures: - prevention and elimination of pollution from land-based sources, - prevention of pollution by dumping or incineration, - prevention and elimination of offshore pollution, - assessment of the quality of the marine environment.