Basic information

1995/2107(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Measures to protect minors in the European Union **Subject** 4.10.03 Child protection, children's rights	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	ZIMMERMANN Wilmya (PSE)	23/03/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	LAMBRIAS Panayotis (PPE)	11/04/1995
FEMM Women's Rights	VAN DIJK Nel B.M. (V)	09/09/1996

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	1965	1996-11-21
Fisheries	1983	1996-12-20

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/06/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/02/1996	Non-legislative basic document published	B4-0029/1996	
20/11/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
20/11/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0393/1996	
21/11/1996	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
11/12/1996	Debate in Parliament		
12/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/12/1996	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
20/01/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/2107(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 149-p5
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	JURI/4/06694

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		B4-0443/1994	22/12/1994	
Non-legislative basic document		B4-0029/1996	03/02/1996	
Document attached to the procedure		B4-0699/1996	12/06/1996	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0393/1996 OJ C 020 20.01.1997, p. 0003	20/11/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0689/1996 OJ C 020 20.01.1997, p. 0094-0170	12/12/1996	Summary

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1995/2107(INI) - 21/11/1996

The Council and ministers, meeting in the Council, and after having expressed solidarity with the victims of paedophilia and their families, adopted the following declaration: Declaration by the Council and by the Ministers of Education meeting in Council session on the protection of minors and on actions to combat paedophilia ‘All minors are entitled to a childhood that offers them security and affection and encourages their full development. Recent tragic events, which have highlighted the physical, emotional and sexual exploitation of minors, have revealed that this right is being flagrantly disregarded. The Council and the Ministers of Education affirm that educational systems should continue to endeavour at all times to offer young persons a secure environment where they are protected and surrounded by affection and where they can grow to become well-balanced adults capable of playing an active role in the development of society. The Council and the Ministers of Education know that no society is free from paedophilia and are aware of how this scourge can affect the victims, their families and the environment in which they live. The Ministers of Education express their profound sympathy with all those who have suffered, both physically and emotionally, from the perpetration of these crimes. The Council and the Ministers of Education are of the view that in order to provide effective protection for minors and to combat paedophilia various measures are needed in a number of areas at national, European and international level; for this reason they welcome the initiatives that have been taken by the Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs and by the Ministers responsible for telecommunications. The educational systems, and especially teaching staff and schools, have an important role to play in the protection of children in general and in combating paedophilia. Exchanges of information on the practices and initiatives implemented by the various Member States, and compiled into a summary report by the Commission, will help the relevant authorities monitor those initiatives being taken by the educational systems to protect children and to prevent them becoming the object of physical, emotional and sexual ill-treatment.’

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1995/2107(INI) - 12/12/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Wilmya ZIMMERMANN (PSE, D) on the protection of minors, the European Parliament wished to see the protection of the rights of minors enshrined as a fundamental principle in the new Treaty on European Union. The Council was called on to waste no time in

converting into Third Pillar joint actions the 'political agreement' reached in Dublin on 26 September 1996 on the principle of improved judicial cooperation in combating paedophilia, while at the same time not forgetting the financial requirements. Parliament also called for joint actions to prevent and combat the abduction of and trade in children and to extend the mandate of the Europol Drugs Unit to cover human trafficking and prostitution. The Commission, the Council and the Member States were urged to set up a European Centre for missing children. On the subject of new information technologies, the Council was called on to adopt proposals for preventing and combating the dissemination of paedophile material on the Internet. Parliament took the view that unaccompanied refugee children from a third country should be able to enter the territory of a Member State in order to be reunited with their family. A children's ombudsman should be appointed. Lastly, the Commission is called on to combat sex tourism.