Basic information

1996/2043(DEC) DEC - Discharge procedure	Procedure completed
1994 discharge: ECSC budget **Subject** 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	BLAK Freddy (PSE)	13/11/1995

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
11/03/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/03/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
21/03/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0089/1996	
16/04/1996	Debate in Parliament		
17/04/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/06/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/2043(DEC)
Procedure type	DEC - Discharge procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 102
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/4/07717

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0089/1996 OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0005	21/03/1996	

Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0179/1996 OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0086-0120	17/04/1996	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0180/1996 OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0086-0120	17/04/1996	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	N4-0545/1995 OJ C 329 07.12.1995, p. 0001	17/11/1995	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1996/0378
OJ L 148 21.06.1996, p. 0050

1994 discharge: ECSC budget

1996/2043(DEC) - 17/04/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

Adopting the report by Mr Freddy BLAK (PSE, DK), the European Parliament gave the Commission discharge for the management of the ECSC for the 1994 financial year but made a series of observations on the following points: - as far as targeting action is concerned, it called on the Commission, given the reduction in available resources, to concentrate resources on forms of intervention not provided for under the EC Treaty (mainly social action) and to transfer other activities to the Community immediately; - noting that outstanding ECSC loans represented a potential risk to its financial security, it called on the Commission to adopt a cautious approach to risk management. It also drew attention once again to the lack of transparency with which buildings acquired by the ECSC had been transferred to the Community in exchange for "rent" and deplored such arrangements; - as far as social and readaptation aid are concerned, Parliament was in favour of the ECSC's continuing to pay direct social aid to workers in the coal and steel sectors until such time as resources were available under the ECSC's operational budget. It welcomed the finding of the Court of Auditors whereby readaptation aid had been well managed; - it acknowledged that it was not always possible or desirable to ensure that ECSC loans were equally divided between the Member States during a given financial year and congratulated the ECSC management as a whole for having presented the only set of accounts for 1994 which had received an unreserved declaration of assurance from the Court of Auditors; - finally, as far as the closure of mines in England is concerned, it admitted that the ECSC could not recover the interest rate subsidies granted in order to finance investments which, in the end, were used to close the mines and deplored the fact that the United Kingdom was not obliged to repay these funds.