Basic information

1996/2131(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Union rights **Subject** 4.15.10 Worker information, participation, trade unions, works councils	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
INST Institutional Affairs	SCHÄFER Axel (PSE)	25/09/1996

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
05/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/03/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
03/03/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0095/1998	
02/07/1998	Debate in Parliament		
02/07/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/07/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/2131(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	EMPL/4/08089

Documentation gateway

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Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary

Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0095/1998 OJ C 152 18.05.1998, p. 0004	03/03/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0403/1998 OJ C 226 20.07.1998, p. 0013-0064	02/07/1998	Summary

Union rights

1996/2131(INI) - 02/07/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN (PPE, NL) on transnational trade union rights in the European Union, the European Parliament took the view that ILO Conventions Nos 87 and 98 and the European Social Charter of the Council of Europe, which established freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining at international level, must be applied at Community level. It considered that the coordinated implementation of employment policy and Economic and Monetary Union would provide an impetus for the process of European collective bargaining, and called on the Commission to do everything in its power to apply the ILO Conventions at Community level. It called for fundamental transnational trade unions rights (right of association including the right of collective bargaining and trade union action) to be enshrined in the Treaty on European Union. These rights should include sufficient protection of employees in case they are put at a disadvantage when they enter a trade union or are active in trade unions, and free participation in trade union organisations in enterprises. Parliament stressed that social consensus was an essential condition for ensuring sustained social and economic development, and considered that trade union organisations should be involved in establishing trade union rights at European level. It called on management and labour to enter into dialogue on the creation of appropriate instruments to avoid collective labour disputes and to draw up proposals for negotiating rules and principles. It called on the Commission to have an investigation carried out by the end of 1998 into how management and labour could best establish contractual relations or agreements. It announced that, when holding its annual debate on the Social Charter, it would devote part of the proceedings to the extension of trade union rights at Community level.