Basic information

1996/2146(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Interparliamentary conference on combating fraud against the Community budget **Subject** 8.70.04 Protecting financial interests of the EU against fraud	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	THEATO Diemut R. (PPE)	28/05/1996

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights		
LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	BONTEMPI Rinaldo (PSE)	09/07/1996

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/09/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
02/09/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0263/1996	
05/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/09/1996	Debate in Parliament		
19/09/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/10/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/2146(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/4/08086

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0263/1996 OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0003	02/09/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0488/1996 OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0136-0212	19/09/1996	Summary

Interparliamentary conference on combating fraud against the Community budget

1996/2146(INI) - 19/09/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the own-initiative report by Mrs Diemut THEATO (PPE, D) on the results of the Interparliamentary Conference on combating fraud against the Community budget. The principal measures called for were as follows: 1. Inserting in the Treaty a legal basis permitting the adoption of anti-fraud regulations under a co-decision procedure together with machinery requiring the Member States to safeguard Community finances in an equivalent manner. The report also considered that 'combating corruption' should be expressly enshrined in the Treaty as an issue of common interest. 2. The harmonisation of measures in the following fields: a) administrative: particularly administrative sanctions and controls, especially regarding exclusion from or withdrawal of the benefit in case of irregularity; b) legislative: - by the early ratification by the Member States of the Convention on protecting the financial interests of the Community, adopted in 1995; - by the conclusion and signing of two protocols: one on the prosecution of officials for corruption, the other on the liability of legal persons and judicial cooperation (whose decisions should be given greater impetus); c) procedural: by making more homogeneous the legal and judicial instruments employed in the course of the judicial proceedings and during the recovery of sums fraudulently obtained or overpaid; 3. The establishment by the Member States of multi-disciplinary bodies to combat fraud. 4. Defining more closely the role of UCLAF and providing it with a statute which enables it to take concrete action at each stage of the fight against fraud. 5. Stepping up existing administrative cooperation. 6. Establishing genuine judicial cooperation through the elimination of existing legal barriers by determining, for example, which Member State is to handle the prosecution in cases where a fraud has been committed in several Member States and by establishing regulations for rogatory acts and for their probatory value. The report also called for the removal of physical and legal impediments to extradition and to legal aid in criminal matters.