Basic information

1996/2235(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Relocation to and investment in third countries **Subject** 4.15.05 Industrial restructuring, job losses, redundancies, relocations, Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	SAINJON André (ARE)	21/03/1996

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	SAINJON André (ARE)	21/03/1996

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Industry	2091	1998-05-07

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/11/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/09/1997	Decision by Parliament	A4-0294/1997	
24/09/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
24/09/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0294/1997	
05/11/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
06/11/1997	Report referred back to committee		
02/12/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
02/12/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0392/1997	
14/01/1998	Debate in Parliament		
15/01/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
02/02/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

07/05/1998	Debate in Council		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/2235(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	RELA/4/09499 RELA/4/08434

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0294/1997 OJ C 339 10.11.1997, p. 0005	24/09/1997	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0392/1997 OJ C 034 02.02.1998, p. 0003	02/12/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0031/1998 OJ C 034 02.02.1998, p. 0121-0156	15/01/1998	Summary

Relocation to and investment in third countries

1996/2235(INI) - 15/01/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the second report by Mr André SAINJON (ARE, F) on industrial relocation (the first having been referred back to committee in November 1997 because it went beyond the bounds of its title), the European Parliament recommended that the Commission draw up a voluntary code of conduct for European multinationals, based on five points: - the promotion of trade union freedom and collective bargaining, - combating forced labour, - combating child labour, - the elimination of discrimination in employment and careers, and equal pay for men and women, - compliance with environmental standards. Parliament urged that social and environmental clauses be incorporated in international agreements and in WTO rules. The Member States and the Commission should undertake coordinated action to amend the OECD's code of investments so as to include minimum rules for cases where the country in which a multinational is being established does not have labour law provisions. Community aid to the establishment of a group on a particular site should be conditional upon an undertaking to remain on that site for a minimum period, aid being broken down throughout that period. In the event that this clause was not observed, any monies already granted should be refunded to the Commission. Parliament recommended coordination of aid and tax incentive policies for establishing multinational companies in Member States to prevent unfair competition. It called on the Commission to initiate discussions with the governments of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe on the undervaluation of certain of their currencies liable to lead to relocation. Parliament considered it essential that the ILO create an international social label. Should it fail to do so, the Commission should consider establishing a European social label. Parliament welcomed the United Kingdom's decision to accept the social provisions of the Amsterdam Treaty. Lastly, it hoped that, in the context of the Euro Council, the European political authorities would consider the impact of the euro/dollar parity on direct foreign investment in third countries.