Basic information

1997/0298(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
MEDA: measures to continue support for a Mediterranean Partner Amending Regulation (EC) No 1488/96 1995/0127(CNS) **Subject** 6.30.02 Financial and technical cooperation and assistance 6.40.05 Relations with the Mediterranean and southern European countries	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	COLAJANNI Luigi Alberto (PSE)	09/12/1997
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Social Affairs	2081	1998-04-07

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/11/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0516	Summary
04/12/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/02/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
03/02/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0055/1998	
12/03/1998	Debate in Parliament		
07/04/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
07/04/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/04/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/0298(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1488/96 1995/0127(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 235
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/4/09572

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0055/1998 OJ C 104 06.04.1998, p. 0005	03/02/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0147/1998 OJ C 104 06.04.1998, p. 0197-0215	12/03/1998	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0516 OJ C 386 20.12.1997, p. 0009	10/11/1997	Summary

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 1998/0780
OJ L 113 15.04.1998, p. 0003 Summary

MEDA: measures to continue support for a Mediterranean Partner

1997/0298(CNS) - 12/03/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Luigi Alberto COLAJANNI (PSE, I) on support measures for a Mediterranean partner, the European Parliament expressed a desire to have the opportunity to state its views concerning measures to be adopted in the event of a violation of democratic principles, human rights or fundamental freedoms in a country participating in the MEDA programme. Accordingly, the amendment to the proposal for a Regulation expressly stipulates that the Council shall act by a qualified majority on the basis either of a proposal from the Commission or of a European Parliament recommendation and in any event after consulting Parliament.

MEDA: measures to continue support for a Mediterranean Partner

1997/0298(CNS) - 10/11/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: amendment of the regulation setting up the MEDA programme in order to establish the decision-making procedure to be followed by the Council when a country does not respect human rights and democratic principles. SUBSTANCE: Regulation 1488/96/EC establishing the MEDA programme provided that, in order to receive Community aid, the beneficiary countries must respect democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms; these were essential elements, the violation of which could justify the adoption of appropriate measures (including the cessation of aid). However this Regulation did not lay down the procedure to be followed when one or more of these elements is lacking and delayed the setting out of this procedure until 30 June 1997 (following the outcome of the Intergovernmental Conference). The Commission now proposes reintroducing the procedure which it had already proposed in the initial proposal for the MEDA Regulation (see procedure CNS95127), i.e. that when an essential element for the continuation of aid for a Mediterranean partner is missing, the appropriate measures to be taken will be decided by the Council acting by a qualified majority, on a proposal from the Commission.

MEDA: measures to continue support for a Mediterranean Partner

1997/0298(CNS) - 07/04/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to amend the Regulation establishing the MEDA programme in order to adopt the procedure for decision-making by the Council where a country fails to respect human rights and democratic principles. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 780/98 amending Regulation (EC) No 1488/96 as regards the procedure for adopting the appropriate measures where an essential element for the continuation of support measures for a Mediterranean partner is lacking. SUBSTANCE: Regulation (EC) No 1488/96 establishing the MEDA programme (CNS95127) provided that in order to be eligible for Community aid, Mediterranean beneficiary countries must respect the principles of democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms, essential elements whose violation might justify the adoption of appropriate measures (including simply halting aid). However, that Regulation did not lay down the procedure to be adhered to in such cases, deferring the adoption of that procedure until 30.06.1997 (after the results of the Intergovernmental Conference were known). The present Regulation lays down the procedure to be followed: when an essential element for the continuation of support measures to a Mediterranean partner is missing, the Council is to decide the measures to be adopted, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 18.04.1998.