Basic information

1997/2035(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
EC/Canada, Russia agreement: agreement on humane trapping standards **Subject** 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity **Geographical area** Canada Russian Federation	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	PIMENTA Carlos (PPE)	26/02/1997

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2011	1997-06-02

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/02/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/05/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
22/05/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0187/1997	
02/06/1997	Debate in Council		
11/06/1997	Debate in Parliament		
12/06/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/06/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/2035(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 117

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/08696

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0187/1997 OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0003	22/05/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0338/1997 OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0106-0200	12/06/1997	Summary

EC/Canada, Russia agreement: agreement on humane trapping standards

1997/2035(INI) - 12/06/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

Adopting the report by Mr Carlos PIMENTA (PPE, P) on the signature and conclusion of the international agreement on humane trapping, the European Parliament voted to reject the agreement as inadequate and ineffective. In particular it regretted that over sixteen months after imports of furs from third countries which used leghold traps had been banned (in accordance with Regulation 3254/91/EEC) and over four months after the Council deadline to start negotiations with third parties on this subject had expired, the draft agreement: - failed to offer satisfactory solutions in terms of either animal protection or trade; - permitted the continued use of leghold traps in third countries for at least another four years and might allow some types of leghold traps to be classified as humane; - substantially failed to reflect the position of the EU's scientific experts as regards the welfare of trapped species and the extent to which the traps used are selective. Furthermore, no agreement had been reached with the USA. Accordingly, it called on the Council and the Commission to: - reject the agreement; - apply the import ban immediately; - continue negotiations with third countries in order to reach a comprehensive agreement, including a ban on leghold traps within a fixed timescale, the use of selective trapping methods and the establishment of means of enforcement without derogations and making provision for representatives of indigenous populations and animal protection organizations to attend negotiations in a consultative capacity; - ensure that the rights of indigenous trappers are guaranteed under special provisions. Finally, Parliament criticized the fact that the legally binding deadline of four years for a total ban on traditional leghold traps for which provision was made in the version of the agreement dated 24 January 1997 (COM(97)0017 - CNS97019) had not been included in the version of the agreement dated 21 May 1997.