Basic information

1997/2245(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Interinstitutional agreement on the drafting quality of legislative texts **Subject** 8.50.02 Legislative simplification, coordination, codification	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	PALACIO VALLELERSUNDI Ana (PPE)	25/02/1998
	Committee for opinion	**Rapporteur for opinion**	**Appointed**
	INST Institutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	24/06/1998
Council of the European Union			

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/10/1997	Non-legislative basic document published	AMSTERDAM	
16/10/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/12/1998	Vote in committee		
08/12/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0498/1998	
17/12/1998	Debate in Parliament		
18/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/04/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/2245(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)
Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 148

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	JURI/4/09433

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0498/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0006	08/12/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0772/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0483-0496	18/12/1998	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EU	Non-legislative basic document	AMSTERDAM	02/10/1997	

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1997/2245(COS) - 18/12/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting its report drafted by Ms. Ana PALACIO VALLELERSUNDI (EPP,E), the Parliament approved the resolution on a draft inter-institutional agreement on common guidelines for the quality of drafting of Community legislation. The Parliament was of the view that : - the drafting of clearer legislation is not only a technical concern but a substantive component of the pre-eminently political objective of bringing the European union closer to the general public; - the principle of legal certainty requires legislative texts to be clear so as to ensure that ordinary members of the public can understand exactly what their rights and obligations are; - poor quality Community legislation can be a cause of divergenet transposition in the Member States, and poor or insufficient harmonisation is contrary to the objective of integration.