Basic information

2000/0037(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Protection of the Rhine: conclusion of the new Convention, 12 April 1999, Bern **Subject** 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity 3.70.04 Water control and management, pollution of waterways, water pollution	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	JACKSON Caroline (PPE-DE)	22/03/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	2302	2000-11-07

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Environment	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/02/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0061	Summary
10/04/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/04/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
19/04/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0120/2000	
17/05/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0216/2000	Summary

07/11/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
07/11/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/11/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/0037(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 174 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 Rules of Procedure EP 52-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/12666

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0120/2000 OJ C 059 23.02.2001, p. 0004	19/04/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0216/2000 OJ C 059 23.02.2001, p. 0069-0091	17/05/2000	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2000)0061 OJ C 177 27.06.2000, p. 0083 E	07/02/2000	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2000/0706
OJ L 289 16.11.2000, p. 0030 Summary

Protection of the Rhine: conclusion of the new Convention, 12 April 1999, Bern

2000/0037(CNS) - 07/11/2000 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude a new Convention for the Protection of the Rhine. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2000/706/EC concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention for the Protection of the Rhine. CONTENT : by Decision 77/586/EEC, the Community concluded the Convention for the Protection of the Rhine against chemical pollution and the Additional Agreement concerning the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against pollution (ICPR). The other Contracting Parties are France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland. At the 25th meeting of the Coordinating Group of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine, the representatives of the riparian states drew attention to the importance of, both now and in the future, protecting the waters of the river Rhine and concluded that it was necessary to provide for a new Convention on the Protection of the Rhine which would take account of complementary approaches involving measures to: - preserve, improve and stabilise the ecosystem of the Rhine; - ensure the natural functioning of running water; - promote the economic and effective use of water; particularly with regard to the management of drinking water reserves; - prevent, reduce and avoid the incidence of transfrontier industrial and urban pollution, particularly where this is atrributable to toxic, persistent, carcinogenic, mutagenic and bioaccumulable sustances; - reduce pollution from diverse sources, including groundwater; - prevent and counteract accidental pollution incidents. The new Convention which covers the areas of Community competence relating to the environment, has been approved by the Council on behalf of the Community. ENTRY INTO FORCE : the Decision shall enter into force on 7 November 2000.

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2000/0037(CNS) - 07/02/2000 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to conclude a new Convention of the Protection of the Rhine. CONTENT : by Decision 77/586/EEC the Community concluded the Convention for the protection of the Rhine against the chemical pollution and the Additional Agreement to the Agreement concerning the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution (ICPR). The other Contracting Parties are France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland. At the 25th meeting of the Coordinating Group of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine, the representatives of the riparian states drew attention to the importance, both now and in the future, of protecting the waters of the river Rhine and concluded that it was necessary to provide for a new Convention on the Protection of the Rhine which would take account of complementary approaches involving measures to: - preserve, improve and stabilise the ecosystem of the Rhine; - ensure the natural functioning of running water; - promote the economic and effective use of water, particularly with regard to the management of drinking water reserves; - prevent, reduce and avoid the the incidence of transfrontier industrial and urban pollution, particularly where this is attributable to toxic, persistent, carcinogenic, mutagenic and bioaccumulable sustances; - reduce pollution from diverse sources, including groundwater; - prevent and counteract accidental pollution incidents. Since the new Convention covers areas of Community competence relating to the environment, the Community, represented by the Commission, has been taking part in the negotiations in accordance with the negotiating directives issued by the Council. On the 22/01/1998, the Contracting Parties approved the text of the new Convention on the Protection of the Rhine. The Contracting Parties also decided to draw up a new "Programme for the Sustainable Development of the Rhine" which under the new Convention, will seek to continue and strengthen, beyond the year 2000, the work carried out under the existing "Rhine Action Programme". After examining the Commission's proposal, the Council adopted conclusions in which it decided that the Community should sign the new Convention, subject to its eventual conclusion. The new Convention was signed simultaneously with the other Contracting Parties on the 12/04/1999 in Berne. The Commission therefore proposes that the Council should take a decision on the conclusion by the Community of the new Convention on the Protection of the Rhine.

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2000/0037(CNS) - 17/05/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted without debate the report drafted by Caroline JACKSON (EPP/ED, United Kingdom) on the protection of the Rhine and approved the Commission's proposal.