Basic information

2000/2042(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Committee on petitions. Annual report 1999-2000 **Subject** 1.20.03 Right of petition 8.40.01.06 Committees, interparliamentary delegations	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PETI Petitions	LAMBERT Jean (V/ALE)	23/02/2000

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/02/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
06/06/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
06/06/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0162/2000	
06/07/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0343/2000	Summary
06/07/2000	Debate in Parliament		
06/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/04/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/2042(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 233-p7 Rules of Procedure EP P.F.
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PETI/5/12377

Documentation gateway

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Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0162/2000 OJ C 121 24.04.2001, p. 0007	06/06/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0343/2000 OJ C 121 24.04.2001, p. 0180-0465	06/07/2000	Summary

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2000/2042(INI) - 06/07/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Mrs Jean LAMBERT (Green/EFA, UK) on the work of the Petitions Committee during the year 1999 /2000. The resolution reaffirms the importance of the committee in exercising scrutiny over EU and national and regional bodies concerned with the application of the EU law. The petitions submitted offer an insight into the difficulties faced by citizens with European and national administrations, illustrating quite often inappropriate use of discretionary powers in decision taking, and bureaucratic behaviour which alienates citizens. The positive response of the Commission is emphasised but Parliament also wants to see a more active role played by Council and see a reduction in time delays in dealing with petitions. Moreover, the Parliament calls for a modernised database as well as the use of the Internet in order for petitions to be filed more easiliy. It also wants to see twice-yearly meetings with corresponding committees in the Member States and there is a call on the Petitions Committee to maintain close contacts with Commissioners. The resolution approves the proposal for the committee to draw up two inititiative reports on the main topics of petitions i.e. social security, environmental and consumer protection, freedom and movement and recognition of diplomas and other relevant subjects of Community law. The resolution supports the idea of providing travel expenses for petitioners called to present petitions to the committee.