Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA José Ignacio (PPE-DE)	10/10/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	KREISSL-DÖRFLER Wolfgang (PSE)	09/01/2001
DEVE Development and Cooperation	MODROW Hans (GUE/NGL)	06/03/2001

Key events

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30/11/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/10/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
10/10/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0336/2001	
14/11/2001	Debate in Parliament		
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Technical information

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European Parliament

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Common strategy for relations between the European Union and Latin America

2000/2249(INI) - 31/10/2000 - Document attached to the procedure

The purpose of the present communication is to set out the general principles and actions that the Commission intends to take to contribute to meeting the priorities resulting from the June 1999 EU, Latin America and Caribbean Rio Summit. It aims to give impetus to the follow-up. The communication takes into account the EU's general policy objectives in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the Commission's own constraints. It should be stressed that the Commission does not propose in this communication a new strategy for relations between the EU and Latin America/the Caribbean. In the follow-up to Rio, the Commission intends to act primarily at two levels: 1) in the immediate future, in the anticipation of the 2002 Summit, the Commission proposes to step up its action in the following three priority areas: the promotion and protection of human rights; the promotion of the information society; and the reduction of social imbalances. The particular emphasis on these areas seek to cover the three dimensions of the strategic partership (political, economic, social) and to respond to the main challenges of the region. The proposed initiatives in those three priority areas form a coherent package designed to meet a common objective : to place human development and the civil society at the heart of the relationship between the two regions. In addition to the three initiatives, the Tuusula priority areas will continue to be dealt with through existing cooperation instruments, including decentralised horizontal programmes. 2) in the longer term, the Commission will ensure that the priorities identified in the Rio Action Plan and fine tuned in Tuusula are incorporated into the bilateral and sub-regional dialogues established. In principle, this does not require any special initiative, but rather a continuous and systematic approach covering all the three areas of the strategic partnership. The Commission will make sure that it does not look at each dimension in isolation. The three dimensions should reinforce one another. The Commission shall seek to ensure consistency and synergy between the political, economic and cooperation dialogue, notably in the pursuit of common goals such as promotion of environmental protection and sustainable development. Lastly, the test of this strategy will be in the tangible results by all the partners between now and the 2002 Summit.

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2000/2249(INI) - 15/11/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Mr José Ignacio SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA (EPP-ED, E). (Please refer to the previous text). With regard to the duration and the revision of the new common strategy, the Parliament requests that it remains in force for an initial period of four years and be extended, revised and adapted by the European Council as often as necessary, on a recommendation from the Council.