Basic information

2001/0031(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Asylum: state responsible for examining a request, agreement EC /Iceland and Norway **Subject** 7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) **Geographical area** Iceland Norway	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2337	2001-03-15

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Justice and Consumers	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/01/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0055	Summary
06/02/2001	Vote in committee		
12/02/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/02/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0071/2001	Summary
15/03/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
15/03/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/04/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0031(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 063-p1 Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/14376

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0071/2001 OJ C 276 01.10.2001, p. 0049-0118	14/02/2001	Summary

Council of the EU

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European Commission

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Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2001/0258
OJ L 093 03.04.2001, p. 0038 Summary

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2001/0031(CNS) - 15/03/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or Iceland or Norway. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 2001/258/EC CONTENT: THe main provisions of the Agreement include the following: - the provision of the Dublin Convention shall be implemented by Iceland and Norway and applied in their mutul relations and in their relations with the Member States; - the provision of the Date-protection Directive shall be implemented and applied mutatis mutandis by Iceland and Norway; - this Agreement shall apply to the Eurodac Regulation which will also be implemented in Iceland and Norway; - when drafting new legislation, the Commission shall informally seek advice from experts of Iceland and Norway in the same way it seeks advice from experts of the Member States for drawing up its proposals; - a Joint Committee is established composed of the contracting parties; - provisions relating to new acts and measures under the Dublin Convention; - Iceland and Norway shall submit a report annually to the Joint Committee on the way in which their administrative authorities and their courts have applied and interpreted certain provisions; - as far as administrative and operational costs linked to the installation and operation of the central unit of Eurodac are concerned, Iceland and Norway shall contribute to the general budget of the European Union an annual sum of: - for Iceland 0.1% - for Norway 4,995% of the initial reference amount of EUR 9 575 000 in commitment appropriations and of EUR 5 000 000 in payment appropriations and from the budgetary year 2002 onwards the relevant budget appropriations for the budgetary year concerned; - as far as other administrative or operational costs involved in the application of this Agreement are concerned, Iceland and Norway shall share in these costs by contributing to the general budget of the European Union an annual sum in accordance with the percentage of the gross national product of their countries in relation to the gross national product of all participating States; - regarding documents, any costs of translation or interpretation into or from Icelandic or Norwegian shall be borne by both countries; - the national data-protection supervisory authorities of Iceland and Norway and the independent supervisory body established by virtue of Article 286(2) of the Treaty establishing the European Community shall cooperate to the extent necessary for the performance of their duties and in particular by exchanging all useful information; - the Agreement shall not effect the Agreement on the European Economic Area or any other Agreement; - the Kingdom of Denmark may request to participate in thisAgreement; - the Agreement shall not apply to Svalbard (Spitzbergen), to Denmark or to the French overseas department; - the Agreement shall take effect in Gibraltar only on the application of the Dublin Convention, or any Community measure which replaces that Convention, to Gibraltar. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.04.2001.

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2001/0031(CNS) - 29/01/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to present a proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concenring the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or Iceland or Norway. CONTENT: According to Article 7 of the Agreement of 18 May 1999 concluded between the Council and Iceland and Norway on the latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis ('Schengen Framework Agreement), the conclusion of an Agreement on the rights and obligations contained in the Dublin Convention is a precondition for the abolishment of border controls between the Schengen countries and the countries of the Nordic Passport Union. The abolishment is foreseen for 25 March 2001. Apart from authorising the conclusion of the Agreement, the present decision sets out a number of arrangements for the practical application of the Agreement. In particular, it specific that the Commission represents the Community within the Joint Committee set up by Article 3 of the Agreement. Further, given that the Joint Committee has certain decision-making powers, it was necessary to provide for a derived legal base laying down a procedure for the adoption of Community positions within the Joint Committee. Any future decision by the Committee established under the Dublin Convention can be discussed in the Joint Committee but once decisions have been taken, they have to be implemented by Norway and Iceland. Non-acceptance triggers the same procedure as provided for under the Schengen framework agreement (suspension and eventual termination). As for the future "communitarization" of the Dublin Convention, a similar mechanism exists. Norway and Iceland may contribute to the decision-shaping phase but will have to accept the final decisions by the Council (otherwise the Agreement will be suspended and later terminated). Similarly, new provisions related to EURODAC will also have to be accepted in the same fashion. Other provisions contained in the proposed Decision include the following: - the objective of a coherent jurisprudence could be reached by 'copying' the respective provisions in the Schengen acquis Agreement; - the Data Protection Directive will be applied by Iceland and Norway in the same way as it is appled by the Member States; - the clause on the territorial application will, on the EU side, ensure parallelism with the Dublin Convention and in particular, it takes into account the issue of Gibraltar; - the specific situaiton of Denmark is considered; - the budgetary clause is mostly based on a similar provision in the Schengen Framework Agreement. In conclusion, the Commission considers negotiations have been successful and that the draft Agreement is acceptable to the Community.

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2001/0031(CNS) - 14/02/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the proposal on an agreement between the EU and Iceland and Norway on establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum. (Procedure without report).