Basic information

2001/0248(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder **Subject** 3.70.03 Climate policy, climate change, ozone layer 3.70.18 International and regional environment protection measures and agreements 6.40.13 Relations with/in the context of international organisations: UN, OSCE, OECD, Council of Europe, EBRD	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	MOREIRA DA SILVA Jorge (PPE-DE)	05/11/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2423	2002-04-25
Environment	2413	2002-03-04

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Environment	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/10/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0579	Summary

17/01/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/01/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
23/01/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0025/2002	
05/02/2002	Debate in Parliament		
06/02/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0042/2002	Summary
25/04/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/04/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/05/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/15467

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0025/2002	23/01/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0042/2002 OJ C 284 21.11.2002, p. 0121-0192 E	06/02/2002	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2001)0579 OJ C 075 26.03.2002, p. 0017 E	23/10/2001	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0458/2001 OJ C 192 12.08.2002, p. 0059	13/03/2002	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2002/0358 OJ L 130 15.05.2002, p. 0001-0020	Summary

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder

2001/0248(CNS) - 23/10/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : the approval of the Kyoto Protocol by the European Community. CONTENT : The proposal for a Decision makes provision for the actual approval of the Protocol by the Community. The EC and Member States will fulfil their commitments jointly. The respective emission levels allocated to the EC and to each Member State will apply for the first commitment period (2008-2012) as set out in Annex II to the proposal. The emission levels given are a translation of the figures of the "Burden Sharing Agreement" (see the Council conclusions of 16 June 1998), as a percentage of the base year or period. The proposal states that the total amount of greenhouse gases which the Community and its Member States can emit, which is to be calculated in terms of tonnes of CO2 equivalent, will be determined once their base year emissions are definitively established. This will happen at the latest before the start of the commitment period. It cannot be addressed now because base year emissions have not been definitively fixed and will not be at least until after the Protocol has entered into force.

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder

2001/0248(CNS) - 04/03/2002

The Council expresses its satisfaction with the adoption today of the Decision concerning the approval, on behalf of the European Community, of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and encourages other countries to join these efforts with a view to entry into force in time for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. It recalls that the Kyoto Protocol is the first environmental multilateral agreement implementing a global and effective compliance regime. Moreover, it calls on all countries that are parties to the Bonn-Marrakesh agreement to ratify the Kyoto Protocol without delay. Having studied the initiative on climate change presented by President Bush on 14 February 2002, the Council is concerned about the proposed measures, which allow an increase of greenhouse gas emissions at nearly the same rate as at present and are not sufficient effectively to fight climate change. It calls upon all the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the United States of America, the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, to live up to their responsibility under this Convention, which requires industrialised countries to return their greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels. The United States are called upon to strengthen its domestic action to a level which represents an effort comparable to that made under the Kyoto Protocol.

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2001/0248(CNS) - 06/02/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament, by 540 votes to 4 with 10 abstentions, adopted the resolution drafted by Jorge MOREIRA DA SILVA (EPP/ED, Portugal) on the burden-sharing agreement for the Kyoto Protocol. (Please refer to the text dated 23/01/02).

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder

2001/0248(CNS) - 25/04/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE : to ratify the Kyoto Protocol. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision (2002/358/EC) concerning the approval on behalf of the European Community, of the Kyoto protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder. CONTENT : the Council adopted the decision on ratification by the European Community of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Member States shall endeavour to take the necessary steps twit a view to depositing their instruments of ratification or approval simultaneously with those of the European Community and the other Member States and as far as possible not later than 1 June 2002. Under the Kyoto Protocol, concluded in 1997, contracting parties committed themselves to reducing the six greenhouse gases responsible for climate change, in particular carbon dioxide (CO2). The European Community committed itself to achieving an overall reduction of 8% of CO2 emissions in the 2008-12 period as compared with 1990 levels. For the protocol to enter force, it has to be ratified by 55 contracting parties, accounting for 55% of total CO2 emissions in 1990. The EC and Member States will fulfil their commitments jointly. The emission levels given are a translation of the figures of the "Burden Sharing Agreement" as a percentage of the base year or period. The quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment agreed by the European Community an its Member States for the purpose of determining the respective emission levels allocated to each of them for the first quantified emission limitation and reduction commitment period from 2008-2018 are set out in Annex II. These commitments are as follows: Belgium 92.5%; Denmark 79%; Germany 79%; Greece 125%; Spain 115%; France 100%; Ireland 113%; Italy 93.5%; Luxembourg 72%; Netherlands 94%; Austria 87%; Portugal 127%; Finland 100%; Sweden 104% and the United Kingdom 87.5%. The Commission shall, at the latest by 31 December 2006 determine the respective emission levels allocated to the European Community and to each Member State in terms of the tonnes of carbon dioxide.