Basic information

2001/0250(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Bosnia and Herzegovina: Community macro-financial assistance Amending Decision 1999/325/EC 1998/0311(CNS) **Subject** 6.20.07 Macro-financial assistance to third countries **Geographical area** Bosnia and Herzegovina	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	FÄRM Göran (PSE)	12/11/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	BROK Elmar (PPE-DE)	13/11/2001
CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2397	2001-12-10

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Economic and Financial Affairs	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

26/10/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0610	Summary
12/11/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/11/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
21/11/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0411/2001	
28/11/2001	Debate in Parliament		
29/11/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0638/2001	Summary
10/12/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
10/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0250(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amending Decision 1999/325/EC 1998/0311(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308 Rules of Procedure EP 170
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/15382

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0411/2001	21/11/2001	
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European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2001)0610 OJ C 051 26.02.2002, p. 0321 E	26/10/2001	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Decision 2001/0899 OJ L 334 18.12.2001, p. 0028 Summary

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Community macro-financial assistance

2001/0250(CNS) - 29/11/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Göran FÄRM (PES, S), the European Parliament agrees to provide macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina. (Please refer to the previous text).

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Community macro-financial assistance

2001/0250(CNS) - 10/12/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to provide macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2001/899/EC amending Decision 1999/325/EC providing macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina. CONTENT : on 10 May 1999, the Council of the European Union decided to provide to Bosnia and Herzegovina macro-financial assistance of up to EUR 60 million, comprising a loan facility of up to EUR 20 million and a grant facility of up to EUR 40 million (Decision 1999/325/EC) with a view to supporting the balance of payments and help ease the country's external financial constraints as well as to conform to efforts and the implementation of common institutions and policies, consistent with the Dayton peace agreements. Due to delays in the implementation of the required policy reforms as agreed with the Stand-by arrangement with the International monetary Fund (IMF), so far only a first (EUR 25 million) and a second tranche (EUR 20 million) could be released. A third and final tranche of up to EUR 15 million is still outstanding. It should be added that the existing Decision 1999/325/EC does not permit the commitment of grant funds beyond the year 2000) Therefore this Decision aims to release the third tranche (EUR 15 million) of the loan from now until 31 December 2001 instead of 31 December 2000. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 10.12.2001.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Community macro-financial assistance

2001/0250(CNS) - 26/10/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend Council Decision 1999/325/EC providing macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina. CONTENT : on 10 May 1999, the Council of the European Union decided to provide to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) macro-financial assistance of up to EUR 60 million, comprising a loan facility of up to EUR 20 million and a grant facility of up to EUR 40 million (Decision 1999/325/EC). The objective of this assistance has been to support the balance of payments and help ease the country's external financial constraints, as well as to comfort reform efforts and the implementation of common institutions and policies, consistent with the Dayton peace agreement. The assistance has been conditional upon a satisfactory track record in the adjustment and reform programme of BiH in the framework of an IMF Stand-by Arrangement. After the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the first tranche of the assistance (EUR 25 million) was released in December 1999. Subsequently, there were delays of the BiH authorities in implementing the required policy reforms, which also forced the IMF Stand-by-Arrangement to be extended three times (in May 1999, March 2000 and December 2000). As a result, disbursement of the second tranche (EUR 20 million) was only made in December 2000, when a Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding (SMoU), which outlines the conditions attached to the third tranche of EUR 15 million grant, was also signed. Bosnia and Herzegovina requires continued financial support from the Community and other bilateral and multilateral donors in support of its economic stabilisation and reform efforts. However, the underlying Council decision (1999/325/EC of 10 May 1999) was founded on the expectation that the economic stabilisation and reform programme of the BiH authorities, as agreed under the IMF stand-by-arrangement, would be implemented by the first half of 2000. Accordingly, Article 1(3) of the Council Decision stipulates that the grant component of a maximum of EUR 40 million of this assistance covers the period from 1999 to 2000. Against this background, it now appears necessary to amend the existing legal base, i.e. Council Decision 1999/325/CE, so as to allow the continued implementation of this assistance, and in particular the remaining grant component of EUR 15 million beyond the year 2000. In line with budgetary requirements, the amended Council decision would stipulate an expiry date of funds by 31 December 2002.