Basic information

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Judicial cooperation : genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, European network. Initiative Netherlands **Subject** 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general 7.40.04 Judicial cooperation in criminal matters	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	KIRKHOPE Timothy (PPE-DE)	21/11/2001
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2436	2002-06-13

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
01/10/2001	Legislative proposal published	11658/2001	Summary
22/10/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/02/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
20/02/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0036/2002	
08/04/2002	Debate in Parliament		
09/04/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0149/2002	Summary
13/06/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/06/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/06/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

Legislative instrument	Decision
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/15297

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European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0036/2002	20/02/2002	
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Council of the EU

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Supplementary legislative basic document	11587/2001	05/09/2001	Summary
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Additional information

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Final act

Decision 2002/0494
OJ L 167 26.06.2002, p. 0001 Summary

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2001/0826(CNS) - 05/09/2001 - Supplementary legislative basic document

This document consists of a note from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Secretary-General of the Council. In particular, this note presents an amended version of the Dutch initiative which aims to create a European network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. This document specifies precise details of the contacts point's primary tasks (collect and manage information) as well as other pieces of information to be supplied at the time of a request by one or other of the Member States in the framework of the investigation. Lastly, this new version also clarifies the use of the information collected within the framework of the network.

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2001/0826(CNS) - 09/04/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Timothy KIRKHOPE (EPP-ED, UK). (Please refer to the document dated 20/02/02.) In addition, Parliament stipulated that the Council must publish details of the contact point in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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2001/0826(CNS) - 13/06/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE : to set up a European network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2002/494/JHA setting up a European network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes CONTENT : the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court of 17 July 1998 affirms that the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole, in particular genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, must not go unpunished and that their effective prosecution must be ensured by taking measures at the national level and by enhancing international cooperation. This Decision states that each Member State shall designate a contact point for the exchange of information concerning the investigation of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. In addition, each contact point's task shall be to provide on request, in accordance with the relevant arrangements between Member States and applicable national law, any available information that may be relevant in the context of investigations into genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes or to facilitate cooperation with the competent national authorities. The Council will inform the European Parliament of the functioning and effectiveness of the European network of contact points in the context of the annual debate held by the European Parliament pursuant to Article 39 of the Treaty. Member States shall ensure that they are able to cooperate fully in accordance with the provisions of this Decision at the latest one year after this Decision takes effect. This Decision shall take effect on the 13 June 2002.

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2001/0826(CNS) - 01/10/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present an initiative from Netherlands with a view to the adoption of a Council Decision setting up a European network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. CONTENT : the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court of 17 July 1998 affirms that the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole, in particular genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, must not go unpunished and that their effective prosecution must be ensured by taking measures at the national level and by enhancing international cooperation. This proposal states that each Member State shall designate a contact point for the investigation of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Each contact point's primary task shall be to collect and manage information on the aforementioned crimes in the framework of their investigation. Member States shall ensure that contact points exchange, spontaneously or on requests, any available information that may be relevant to the investigation of such crimes, in accordance with their national powers. Each request made under this Decision shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the relevant facts known to the requesting contact point. The contact point shall specify in the requests how the information sought will be used.