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Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport	BEAZLEY Christopher (PPE-DE)	22/01/2002

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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14/05/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/06/2001	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
19/02/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
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2001/2087(COS) - 11/04/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Christopher BEAZLEY (EPP-ED, UK) on the Commission's evaluation report. (Please refer to the document dated 19/02/02). The Commission is asked to promote the creation of user-friendly content filter systems at affordable prices, so as to provide effective support for parental control both over the use of the Internet and over audiovisual media. Member States should incorporate the teaching of media literacy into the educational system in order to enable consumers to use the media in a manner geared to the values of society and to develop a sense of judgment in these matters. Media education should particularly be included in the school curriculum. Parliament went on to state that cooperation between the Internet industry, governments and national and regional authorities is the most effective way to tackle harmful content on the Internet.

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2001/2087(COS) - 27/02/2001 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to present the evaluation report from the Commission on the application of the Council Recommendation 98/560/EC of 24 September 1998 concerning the protection of minors and human dignity. CONTENT : the Recommendation invites the Member States, industries and parties concerned and the Commission to take step to enhance the protection of minors and human dignity in the broadcasting and Internet sectors. The need for the establishment of a safe environment has recently been stressed by the European Parliament when it adopted the above-mentioned resolution on Parental Control. Overall, after 2 years, the results of the application of the Recommendation are encouraging, although interested parties and in particular consumers should have been more involved in the establishment if codes of conduct. The Member States have applied the Recommendation in a heterogeneous way; nevertheless it should be stressed that most of the Member States have launched campaigns for a safer use of the internet and that some have introduced new legislation or supported measures such as hotlines to the police to deal with child pornography. The heterogenity of the measures is not surprising, taking into account both cultural heterogeneity and the variation in development of Internet. Industry, in particular through ICRA, is working on the development of reliable filter and rating systems for Internet which can be individually adapted to the cultural values of citizens in the different Member States. As far as digital broadcasting is concerned, work by the industry is less developed. The DVB has expressed to the Commission its willingness to lead efforts in this area provided the European legislator gives a clear sign to the industry. Lastly, the results of the Report show that the challenges are to be met with respect to the protection of minors and human dignity across all the media, be it Internet, broadcasting, videogames or supports like videocassettes and DVDs. Renewed efforts need to be made to ensure a coherent approach, in particular as convergence will continue to increase, with Internet TV, interactive broadcasting or downloading of videogames from the Internet. The involvement of users including consumers should also be encouraged. Approaches like the establishment of the Dutch NICAM-Institute and the British Communications White Paper demonstrate that much can be achieved under coregulation or self-regulation and may constitute an orientation for further implementation of the Recommendation.

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The Council welcomed the Commission's Evaluation Report. It noted the conclusions of the report and recalled the European Parliament resolution of 5 October 2000 on the Commission Communication on the study of parental control of broadcasting, which stressed the need to introduce effective systems to protect minors from the increasing amount of harmful media content. The Council invited the Member States to: - continue promoting the Recommendation and to pay particular attention to the need to encourage users and consumers participation; - disseminate the results of the application of the Recommendation including users, consumers, industry and authorities in order to promote best practice and new skills. The Council invited the Commission to: - continue promoting the application of the Recommendation by facilitating the exchange of experience and good practice at Community level; - report to Council, with reference to the fact that two years may be a relatively short time for fully applying the Recommendation preferably before 31/12/02, on the outcome regarding the initiatives taken in Member States; - continue the dialogue with the different parties involved and particularly with industry, on the possibilities for implementing technical systems for parental control in the digital environment.