Basic information

2003/2050(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Accession Treaty: European Parliament recommendation for a financial frame (Rule 96(4) EP Rules of Procedure) **Subject** 8.20.40 Enlargement's financial point of view 8.70.40 Basic budgetary texts	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	BROK Elmar (PPE-DE) WYNN Terence (PSE)	18/03/2003 18/03/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets (Associated committee)		
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
12/03/2003	Additional information		Summary
13/03/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/03/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
19/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0077/2003	
26/03/2003	Debate in Parliament		
27/03/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0120/2003	Summary
27/03/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/03/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/2050(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 134o Rules of Procedure EP 57_o
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/5/19349

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0077/2003	19/03/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0120/2003 OJ C 062 11.03.2004, p. 0018-0143 E	27/03/2003	Summary

Accession Treaty: European Parliament recommendation for a financial frame (Rule 96(4) EP Rules of Procedure)

2003/2050(INI) - 27/03/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution containing its recommendations to the Council on the introduction in the draft Accession Treaty of a financial framework. The rapporteurs were Elmar BROK (EPP-ED, Germany) and Terence WYNN (PES, United Kingdom). This resolution required an absolute majority of 313 votes. Parliament stated that, whilst it remained fully committed to accession on 01/05/04, it could not accept Article 32 of the Act of Accession or Annex XV. If the latter are maintained in their current form, Parliament regarded this as: - an infringement of Parliament's prerogatives in budgetary matters as laid down in Article 272 of the EC Treaty; - a violation of the Interinstitutional Agreement; and - discrimination against the new Member States. The Member States' approach is a breach of the principle of loyal co-operation between the institutions. Parliament interpreted this is a signal that the Council intends to abandon the Interinstitutional Agreement and the financial perspective in it. If Member States insist on maintaining Article 32 and Annex XV in the draft Act of Accession in their current form, Parliament could continue budgetary co-operation only if Parliament's powers are fully respected and the new Member States are treated in the same way as the current Member States. The Commission is reminded of its role as guardian of the Treaties and asked to take all necessary steps. It should also be noted that at a trilogue held between a delegation of Parliament's Budget Committee, Council and Commission, no agreement was reached. The Foreign Affairs Committee chair Elmar BROK (EPP-ED, D) told the House before the vote that a trilogue will be held on 1 April in Athens. Parliament was set to vote on the accession of ten countries on 9 April and this makes a speedy solution for the budgetary dispute all the more urgent. Finally, Parliament invited Member States and the Council to follow its recommendations so as not to delay the signing of the Accession Treaty.