Basic information

2003/2069(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Petitions committee. 2002-2003 annual report **Subject** 1.20.03 Right of petition 8.40.01.06 Committees, interparliamentary delegations	

Key players

	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
European Parliament	PETI Petitions	GONZÁLEZ ÁLVAREZ Laura (GUE/NGL)	23/01/2003

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/05/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/06/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
10/06/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0239/2003	
25/09/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0416/2003	Summary
25/09/2003	Debate in Parliament		
25/09/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/2069(INI)
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Committee dossier	PETI/5/19506

Documentation gateway

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Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0239/2003	10/06/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0416/2003 OJ C 077 26.03.2004, p. 0266-0408 E	25/09/2003	Summary

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2003/2069(INI) - 25/09/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Laura GONZALEZ ALVAREZ (EUL/NGL, Spain) on the work of the Petitions Committee during the parliamentary year 2002-2003. The report was tabled for plenary by Maria Luisa BERGAZ CONESA (EUL /NGL, Spain). (Please see the summary dated 10/06/03.) Parliament stated that the success achieved through petitions regarding the effect of Europe on the life of individual citizens makes it essential to consider carefully the best way of improving the effectiveness and transparency of all procedures for the examination and processing of petitions received. Therefore, it called for more flexible and rapid procedures adapted to the substance of replies to petitioners, so as to make them swifter and more effective, even at the expense of other factors such as multilingualism. Furthermore, Parliament asked the Commission to pursue its efforts - which have already produced appreciable results - to rationalise and accelerate internal procedures in response to requests for information concerning petitions. To this end, Parliament felt that there should be a more rapid response regarding matters clearly outside the remit of the Union or, on the contrary, where infringement proceedings against a Member State have already been commenced. There must be separate and specific treatment of petitions ruled admissible over three years previously.