Basic information

2004/0807(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Cooperation with third countries: democracy, rule of law, human rights Amending Regulation (EC) No 976/1999 1997/0191B(CNS) **Subject** 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general 6.30 Development cooperation	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	MCMILLAN-SCOTT Edward (PPE-DE)	13/09/2004

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	MCMILLAN-SCOTT Edward (PPE-DE)	08/07/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	FERNÁNDEZ MARTÍN Fernando (PPE-DE)	27/07/2004
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
DEVE Development and Cooperation	FERNÁNDEZ MARTÍN Fernando (PPE-DE)	09/07/2004

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2592	2004-06-21

	Agriculture and Fisheries	2633	2004-12-21

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/02/2004	Legislative proposal published	06018/2004	Summary
08/03/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/11/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
26/11/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0041/2004	
15/12/2004	Debate in Parliament		
16/12/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0106/2004	Summary
16/12/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
21/12/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/12/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/12/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0807(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 976/1999 1997/0191B(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181A-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/21174 AFET/5/20857

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0041/2004	26/11/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0106/2004 OJ C 226 15.09.2005, p. 0243-0343 E	16/12/2004	Summary

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Legislative proposal	06018/2004	13/02/2004	Summary

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Final act	
Regulation 2004/2242 OJ L 390 31.12.2004, p. 0021-0023	Summary

Cooperation with third countries: democracy, rule of law, human rights

2004/0807(CNS) - 13/02/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to extend for a further two years (until 31.12.2006) the period of validity of Council Regulation 976/1999/EC on the consolidation of the rule of law and the respect of human rights, following the splitting of the Commission's proposal on the extension of this Regulation and the parallel Regulation (975/99/EC) on the respect of human rights within the framework of development cooperation. PROPOSED MEASURE: Council Regulation. CONTENT: On 28 October 2003, the Commission submitted to the Council and the European Parliament a proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation 975/1999/EC laying down the requirements for the implementation of development cooperation which contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and Council Regulation 976/1999/EC laying down the requirements for the implementation of Community operations other than those of development cooperation which, within the framework of Community cooperation policy, contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in third countries. The Commission's initial proposal (see COD/2003/0250) is based on Articles 17 and 181a of the EC Treaty and was subject to the codecision procedure laid down in Article 251 of the EC Treaty. However, the Council has decided to separate the two texts contained in the Commission's original proposal amending Council Regulations 975/99/EC and 976/99/EC respectively. The first (see COD/2003/0250) requires amendment by codecision in accordance with Article 179 of the EC Treaty, while the second (Regulation 976/99/EC) has to be amended by the Council acting by qualified majority and after consulting the European Parliament in line with Article 181a of the EC Treaty. This proposal relates specifically to this second part of the original proposal and its purpose is to extend by two years (2005-2006) Council Regulation 976/1999/EC. The content of the proposal is essentially identical to that of the Commission's original proposal. The only difference relates to the amount of the financial reference for the implementation of the Regulation for the 2005-2006 period which is set at EUR 78 million (the overall budget foreseen by the Commission for the implementation of the two Regulations was EUR 212 million).

Cooperation with third countries: democracy, rule of law, human rights

2004/0807(CNS) - 22/12/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to extend for a further two years (until 31.12.2006) the period of validity of Council Regulation 976/1999/EC on the consolidation of the rule of law and the respect of human rights, following the splitting of the Commission's proposal on the extension of this Regulation and the parallel

Regulation (975/99/EC) on the respect of human rights within the framework of development cooperation.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2242/2004/EC amending Regulation 976/1999/EC laying down the requirements for the implementation of Community operations, other than those of development cooperation, which, within the framework of Community cooperation policy, contribute to the general objective of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and to that of respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in third countries

CONTENT : Regulation 976/1999/EC expires on 31 December 2004. This Regulation extends that period until 31/12/2006. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the Regulation during the period 2005 to 2006 is EUR 78 million. In addition:

- the provisions of Regulation 976/1999/EC on procedures for the implementation of aid are aligned with the legal requirements of Council Regulation 1605/2002/EC on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities in the implementation of EU Election Observation Missions;

- agreements and contracts concluded pursuant to Regulation 976/1999/EC authorise the Commission to carry out the measures provided for in Council Regulation 2185/96/EC concerning on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission in order to protect the European Communities' financial interests against fraud and other irregularities;

- the Commission will produce an annual report setting out programming for the coming year by region and by sector, and will report back on implementation to the European Parliament.

This Regulation is closely tied to procedure reference COD/2003/0250.

DATE OF EFFECT : 30/12/2004.

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2004/0807(CNS) - 16/12/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT (EPP-ED, UK) approving the Commission proposal as modified by the Council.