Basic information

2004/2177(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
2003 discharge: Convention on the future of the European Union **Subject** 8.70.03.07 Previous discharges	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	CONT Budgetary Control	STUBB Alexander (PPE-DE)	22/09/2004
Council of the European Union			

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
11/06/2004	Legislative proposal published	SGS4/07099	Summary
29/11/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
01/12/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/12/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0054/2004	
14/12/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0088/2004	Summary
14/12/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/12/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/12/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/02/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CONT/6/24012

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0054/2004	01/12/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0088/2004 OJ C 226 15.09.2005, p. 0022-0045 E	14/12/2004	Summary

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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	CC003520/2004 OJ C 157 14.06.2004, p. 0001	13/05/2004	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Budget 2005/0113
OJ L 036 09.02.2005, p. 0007-0007 Summary

2003 discharge: Convention on the future of the European Union

2004/2177(AVC) - 27/01/2005 - Final act

PURPOSE : to give discharge to the Secretary-General of the Convention on the Future of the European Union in respect of the implementation for the financial year 2003.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Decision of the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council giving a discharge to the Secretary-General of the Convention on the Future of the European Union in respect of the implementation for the financial year 2003 of the budget of the Fund set up for the financing of the Convention.

CONTENT : this Decision gives a discharge to the Secretary-General of the Convention on the Future of the European Union in respect of the implementation for the financial year 2003 of the budget of the Fund set up for the financing of the Convention.

To recall, according to the revenue and expenditure account for the financial year 2003:

- revenue amounted to EUR 4 088 524;

- expenditure disbursed from appropriations amounted to EUR 3 968 149.

The accounts presented result in the outturn of EUR 120 375 to be divided between the participating institutions.

2003 discharge: Convention on the future of the European Union

2004/2177(AVC) - 14/12/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Alexander STUBB (EPP-ED, Finland) and gave its assent to the granting of discharge to the Secretary-General of the Convention in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2003.

2003 discharge: Convention on the future of the European Union

2004/2177(AVC) - 11/06/2004 - Legislative proposal

On the 11 of June 2004, the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union sent a letter to the European Parliament requesting the assent to the given to the Secretary-General of the Convention of the future of European Union in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year ending on December 31 2003.

According to Article 20 of the Decision 2002/176/EC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of 21/02/2002, the discharge is only given following the assent of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

2003 discharge: Convention on the future of the European Union

2004/2177(AVC) - 13/05/2004 - Court of Auditors: opinion, report

PURPOSE : to present the Report for the Court of Auditors on the accounts drawn up by the Secretary-General of the Convention on the future of the European Union for the financial year ended 31 December 2003.

CONTENT : this audit report concerns the Fund for the financing of the Convention on the future of the European Union, set up by Decision 2002/176 /EU of 21 February 2002 of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council. By a further Decision 2002/997 /EU of 20 December 2002, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States amended Decision 2002/176/EU, extending its validity from 1 January 2003 until the end of the Convention's proceedings, or until 31 December 2003 at the latest.

The Court has examined the financial statements in respect of the management of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 December 2003. In accordance with Article 13(1) of Decision 2002/176/EU, the budget was implemented under the responsibility of the Secretary-General of the Convention. This responsibility included drawing up and presenting the financial statements.

The Court carried out its audit in accordance with its auditing policies and standards. These have been adapted from generally accepted international auditing standards to reflect the Community nature of the context within which the Court works.

The Court's examination enabled it to obtain reasonable assurance that the accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2003 are reliable, and that the underlying transactions are, on the whole, legal and regular.

A summary of the total revenue and expenditure of the Convention, drawn up by the Court on the basis of the financial statements of the two years of activity, is presented as follows :

- as regards revenue : contributions from the signatory institutions 4 000 000; Bank interest received 88 524; total revenue 4 088 524.

- expenditure paid and accrued : Title I-Members and staff of the Convention 1 084 777;

Title II-Translations and publications 2 883 372; total expenditure 3 968 149.

At the end of 2003 certain costs relating to translation and publication were still outstanding. Considering that 31 December 2003 was the deadline for closing down the Fund, an amount of 655 368 euro, resulting from an estimation of the costs to be settled after this date, was transferred to the General Secretariat of the Council, which undertook the obligation to settle these costs. The final outturn of the Convention's accounts will only be known when all outstanding liabilities have been settled. This might result in a modification of the 120 375 euro foreseen to be paid back to the general budget and divided among the participating institutions. The Court will follow up this question when auditing the Council accounts for the 2004 financial year.

It should be noted that the Secretary-General of the Convention had no comments to make on the Court's observations.