Basic information

2009/0085(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	Procedure completed
Conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the EU **Subject** 3.60.05 Alternative and renewable energies 3.60.15 Cooperation and agreements for energy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	REUL Herbert (PPE)	28/04/2010

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	REUL Herbert (PPE)	02/09/2009

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	17/03/2010

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	02/09/2009

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3010	2010-04-26
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	3024	2010-06-24
Agriculture and Fisheries	2966	2009-10-20

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Energy	OETTINGER Günther

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/06/2009	Legislative proposal published	COM(2009)0326	Summary
16/07/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/09/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
08/10/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0026/2009	
20/10/2009	Decision by Parliament	T7-0030/2009	Summary
20/10/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/12/2009	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
03/05/2010	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	08612/2010	Summary
01/06/2010	Vote in committee		Summary
03/06/2010	Committee report tabled for plenary, reconsultation	A7-0176/2010	
16/06/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0215/2010	Summary
16/06/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/06/2010	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/06/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/07/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/0085(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 194-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/7/02341 ITRE/7/00340

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary

Committee draft report		PE428.152	10/09/2009	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0026/2009	08/10/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0030/2009	20/10/2009	Summary
Committee draft report		PE441.187	11/05/2010	
Committee final report tabled for plenary, reconsultation		A7-0176/2010	03/06/2010	
Text adopted by Parliament after reconsultation		T7-0215/2010	16/06/2010	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation	08612/2010	03/05/2010	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2009)0326	26/06/2009	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2009)0327	26/06/2009	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Decision 2010/0385
OJ L 178 13.07.2010, p. 0017 Summary

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2009/0085(NLE) - 26/06/2009 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, by the European Union, the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: the creation of an "International Renewable Energy Agency" (IRENA), with the objective of becoming a centre of excellence for renewable energy, advising governments on drawing up national programmes for the introduction of renewable energy, dissemination of information about renewables and offering training activities and advice on best practice and financing options, has been under discussion for some time. The Statute of IRENA was signed by 75 States, among which 20 Member States, in Bonn on 26 January 2009.

Article VI of the Statute provides for the possibility for regional inter-governmental economic integration organisations to become members. Twenty Member States have already signed the statue, and there is a clear need for the Community to be represented in an Agency where some obligations

provided for by the Statute affect or are likely to affect the arrangements laid down by Community acts adopted in the areas of environment and energy, and thus to affect Community competences. The process of joining does not entail any negotiations as the Statute was agreed already by 75 States. Therefore joining IRENA can accordingly be made on the basis of a Council decision designating the person empowered to sign the Statute on behalf of the European Community and providing for its provisional application.

In accordance with Article VI.C of the Statute, it is necessary at the conclusion stage to declare the respective competences and responsibilities of the Community and its Member States in the performance of their obligations under the Statute.

Following signature of the Statute, this proposal provides for conclusion of the Statute by the European Community as well as for the adoption of a declaration of competences.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: not applicable.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: the budget (Article XII of the Statute) of the Agency is to be financed by mandatory (and voluntary) contributions of its members. The mandatory contributions will be based on the scale of assessment of the United Nations, as to be determined by the IRENA Assembly. Contributions amounting to an order of U$25 million per year are expected to be needed for the day-to-day functioning of IRENA. On this basis, the Community's contributions are expected to be in the region of 2.5% of the total mandatory contributions, or EUR 480 000 per annum.

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2009/0085(NLE) - 24/06/2010 - Final act

PURPOSE : to conclude the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the European Union and adopt a declaration of competence.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2010/385/EU on the conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the European Union

CONTENT : the Council adopted a decision on the conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency by the European Union and on the exercise of its rights and obligations. In accordance with the Decision of the Council of 19 October 2009, the Statute of IRENA was signed on behalf of the EC on 23 November 2009. As a consequence of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on 1 December 2009, the European Union has replaced and succeeded the European Community.

Both the Union and its Member States have competences in the areas covered by the Statute, which provides that regional intergovernmental economic integration organisations that become members of IRENA declare the extent of their competence with respect to the matters governed by the Statute.

Accordingly, this Decision concludes the Statute and also adopts such a declaration of competences.

Lastly, it provides that the Union should pay an annual contribution to IRENA which is provided for in the Intelligent Energy-Europe (‘IEE’) Programme.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 24 June 2010

Conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the EU

2009/0085(NLE) - 16/06/2010 - Text adopted by Parliament after reconsultation

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution on the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the European Union.

It gives its consent to the conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the European Union.

Conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the EU

2009/0085(NLE) - 20/10/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 453 votes to 13, with 12 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving unamended,under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the European Community and on the exercise of its rights and obligations.

Conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the EU

2009/0085(NLE) - 26/06/2009 - Document attached to the procedure

This Proposal for a Council Decision concerns the signing and provisional application of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the European Community.

On 26 January 2009, the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency was signed at the Founding Conference in Bonn by 75 States, including 20 EU Member States. According to the Statute, the objective of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is to promote the widespread and increased adoption as well as the sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy, taking into account national and domestic priorities and benefits derived from a combined approach of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures, and **the contribution of renewable energy** to: (i) environmental preservation, through limiting pressure on natural resources and reducing deforestation, particularly tropical deforestation, desertification and biodiversity loss; (ii) climate protection; (iii) economic growth and social cohesion including poverty alleviation and sustainable development; (iv) access to and security of energy supply; (v) regional development; and (vi) inter-generational responsibility.

Both the European Community and its Member States have competence in the areas covered by the Statute. Certain obligations, provided for by the Statute, affect or are likely to affect the arrangements laid down by Community acts adopted regarding the environment and energy.

In view of its entry into force only on the thirtieth day after the deposit of the twenty-fifth instrument of ratification, and in view of the Statute remaining open for signature until that time, the Statute should be signed on behalf of the European Community in accordance with its Article XIX A. Considering that at the Founding Conference of IRENA in January 2009 a Preparatory Commission for IRENA was established, which is intended to ensure the rapid and effective establishment of IRENA, including by establishing an interim work programme and budget, it is considered beneficial to fully participate in IRENA activities from signature. The Statute should be applied on a **provisional basis from 1 June 2009**.

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2009/0085(NLE) - 03/05/2010 - Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation

The European Parliament has been consulted again (under the interinstitutional non-legislative procedure involving a request for Parliament's consent) on a draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) by the European Union.

The new proposal states that as a consequence of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on 1 December 2009, the European Union has replaced and succeeded the European Community. It also states that the Declaration of competences is hereby adopted on behalf of the Union and the text thereof is annexed to this Decision. The Union shall pay an annual contribution to the International Renewable Energy Agency.