Basic information	
2010/2653(RSP) RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	Procedure completed
Preparation for the European Council meeting (16-17 December 2010) See also 2010/2655(RSP) **Subject** 8.40.14 European Council	

Key players			
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	General Affairs	3047	2010-11-22
	General Affairs	3060	2010-12-14
European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**	
	Secretariat-General	BARROSO José Manuel	

Key events			
Date	**Event**	**Reference**	**Summary**
22/11/2010	Debate in Council		Summary
14/12/2010	Debate in Council		Summary
15/12/2010	Debate in Parliament		Summary
15/12/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2010/2653(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Amendments and repeals	See also 2010/2655(RSP)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 136-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Preparation for the European Council meeting (16-17 December 2010)

2010/2653(RSP) - 14/12/2010

The Council examined draft conclusions for the European Council meeting to be held on 16 and 17 December 2010.

Further to the conclusions of its October meeting, the European Council is due to:

- decide on the outline of a **permanent crisis mechanism** to safeguard the financial stability of the euro area and on a limited amendment to the EU treaties required to create such a mechanism;
- take stock of work in progress on legislative proposals to strengthen EU economic governance provisions, including as regards how the impact of pension reform is accounted for in the implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact.

It will also hold a discussion on how **spending at the European level** can appropriately reflect the consolidation efforts made by Member States, whilst respecting the role of the different institutions and the need to meet Europe's objectives.

As regards **external relations**, the European Council will be informed of ongoing work on the evaluation of the European Union's relations with its strategic partners, further to its conclusions of September 2010.

Preparation for the European Council meeting (16-17 December 2010)

2010/2653(RSP) - 22/11/2010

The Council examined a draft annotated agenda for the European Council meeting to be held on 16 and 17 December 2010.

Further to the conclusions of its October meeting, the European Council is due to decide on the outline of a permanent crisis mechanism to safeguard the financial stability of the euro area and on a limited amendment to the EU treaties required to create such a mechanism. It will moreover take stock of work in progress on legislative proposals to strengthen EU economic governance provisions.

The European Council will also discuss work on the assessment of the EU's relations with its strategic partners, further to the conclusions of its September meeting.

The Council will hold a further discussion at its meeting on 13 December, on the basis of draft European Council conclusions.