

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1999



2004

Session document

29 May 2000

B5-0499/2000

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

by Cristiana Muscardini, Gianfranco Fini, Roberta Angelilli, Sergio Berlato,
Sebastiano Musumeci, Mauro Nobilia, Adriana Poli Bortone and Franz Turchi

on blocking access to paedophile sites on the Internet

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on blocking access to paedophile sites on the Internet

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas pages containing illegal content, such as child pornography and details and addresses of places where paedophilia is practised, are published on the Internet,
- B. having regard to the resolutions already adopted on the protection of minors and on children's rights,
- C. whereas the number of sites dedicated to criminal activities of this kind is steadily growing,
- D. whereas the content of such web pages is illegal in many EU Member States,
- E. whereas a recent document from the Swiss federal police assigns criminal liability to service providers and calls on the authorities to inform the judicial authorities of any suspicion of crime and to pass on such information to the judicial authorities of the various countries with a view to investigating such crimes and prosecuting their perpetrators,
 - 1. Calls for service providers to be made criminally liable for illegal content carried on the Internet in the same way as editors of newspapers and magazines are held to be directly liable for the content of their publications;
 - 2. Calls for access to sites deemed illegal under the national laws of the EU Member States to be blocked;
 - 3. Calls for hosting providers (who provide memory space on web servers) to cancel or otherwise block access to illegal content carried on their servers.