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PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

pursuant to Rule 150(2)

by the Conference of Presidents

setting up a temporary committee on the ECHELON interception system

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European Parliament decision setting up a temporary committee on the ECHELON interception system

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 150(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the decision of the Conference of Presidents of 15 June 2000 to propose the setting up of a temporary committee on the ECHELON interception system,
1. Decides to set up a temporary committee with the following powers:
 - to verify the existence of the communications interception system known as ECHELON, whose operation is described in the STOA report published under the title “Development of surveillance technology and risks of abuse of economic information”;
 - to assess the compatibility of such a system with Community law, in particular Article 286 of the EC Treaty and Directives 95/46/EC and 97/66/EC, and with Article 6(2) of the EU Treaty, in the light of the following questions:
 - are the rights of European citizens protected against activities of secret services?
 - is encryption an adequate and sufficient protection to guarantee citizens’ privacy or should additional measures be taken and if so what kind of measures?
 - how can the EU institutions be made better aware of the risks posed by these activities and what measures can be taken?
 - to ascertain whether European industry is put at risk by the global interception of communications;
 - possibly, to make proposals for political and legislative initiatives;
 2. Decides that the temporary committee will have 36 members, whose names are annexed to this decision.

SETTING UP OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEE

PPE-DE

Full members:

Banotti, von Boetticher, Cederschiöld, Coelho, Deprez, Dimitrakopoulos, Hernández Mollar, Klamt, Hugues Martin, Oostlander, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pirker, Van Velzen, Zappalà.

Substitutes:

Buttiglione, Cornillet, Gawronski, Giannakou-Koutsikou, Nassauer, Posselt, Johan Van Hecke

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PSE

Full members:

Berger, Robert Evans, Karamanou, Lalumière, Lund, Erika Mann, Medina Ortega, Paasilinna, Gerhard Schmid, Vattimo, Wiersma

Substitutes:

Andersson, Caudron, Ford, Gebhardt, Marinho, Paciotti, Swiebel, Swoboda, Terrón i Cusí, Thielemans, Titley

ELDR

Full members:

Di Pietro, Flesch, Plooij-van Gorsel

Substitutes:

Andreasen, Thors, Dybkjær

VERTS/ALE

Full members:

Ceyhun, MacCormick, McKenna

Substitutes:

Boumediene-Thiery, Schröder, Lambert

GUE/NGL

Full members:
Di Lello Finuoli, Krivine

Substitutes:
Frahm, Papayannakis

UEN

Full member:
Berthu

Substitute:
Nobilia

TDI

Full member:
Turco

Substitute:
Frank Vanhecke

EDD

Full member:
Belder

Substitute:
Okking