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RECOMMENDATION FOR SECOND READING

on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Decision amending Decision 2085/97/EC establishing a programme of support, including translation, in the field of books and reading (Ariane) (12620/98 - C4-0656/98 - 98/0282(COD))

Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media

Rapporteur: Mr Peter Pex

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At its sitting of 9 October 1998 Parliament delivered its opinion at first reading on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council Decision amending Decision 2085/97/EC establishing a programme of support, including translation, in the field of books and reading (Ariane).

At the sitting of 2 December 1998 the President of Parliament announced that the common position had been received and referred to the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media.

The committee had appointed Mr Peter Pex rapporteur at its meeting of 23 September 1998.

It considered the common position and the draft recommendation for second reading at its meeting of 14 December 1998.

At that meeting it adopted the draft decision unanimously. .

The following took part in the vote: Pex (chairman), Hawlicek (vice-chairman), Palm (vice-chairman), Gröner, Günther (for Heinisch), Kristoffersen (for Fontaine), Monfils, Mouskouri, Pack, Rynänen, Tongue.

The recommendation for second reading was tabled on 14 December 1998.

The deadline for tabling amendments to the common position or proposals for declarations of intended rejection is 16 December 1998 at 10.00 a.m.

A
DRAFT DECISION

Decision on the common position established by the Council with a view to the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Decision amending Decision 2085/97/EC establishing a programme of support, including translation, in the field of books and reading (Ariane) (12620/98 - C4-0656/98 - 98/0282(COD))

(Codecision procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the common position of the Council (12620/98 - C4-0656/98 - 98/0282(COD)),
 - having regard to its opinion at first reading() on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(98)0539)(),
 - having regard to the amended proposal (COM(98)0608)(),
 - having regard to Article 189b(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Rule 68 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media (A4-0504/98),
1. Approves the common position;
 2. Calls on the Council to adopt the act definitively, and as soon as possible, in accordance with the common position;
 3. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council pursuant to Article 191(1) of the EC Treaty;
 4. Instructs its Secretary-General duly to sign the act and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to have it published in the Official Journal;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission.

() on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(98)0539)() OJ C

(^b) OJ C 319, 16.10.98, p. 13

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B
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In its report of 9 October 1998, Parliament adopted an amendment of a budgetary nature to the proposal for a decision to extend the Ariane programme until 31 December 1999 with the aim of ensuring the continuity of Community activities in the field of books and reading prior to entry into force of the 'Culture 2000' programme, scheduled in principle for 1 January 2000.

Parliament's amendment re-establishes appropriations at the same level as in 1998, i.e. EUR 4.1 m. The total amount allocated to the Ariane programme thus increases from ECU 7m to EUR 11.1 m.

Parliament's amendment was incorporated by the Commission in its amended proposal of 29 October 1998, and was also approved by the Council in its common position of 20 November 1998.