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REPORT

on the Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council on the effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on legislative procedures in progress as at 1 May 1999 in the sphere of employment, industrial relations, and social affairs (SEC(99)0581 - C4-0219/99)

Confirmation of first reading

(COM(98)0731 – C4-0049/99 – 98/0356(COD))

Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs

Rapporteur: Pernille Frahm

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The Commission proposals specified on the cover have been placed on the list of proposals pending at 1 May 1999 (C4-0219/99) for which entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam entails a change of legal basis and/or procedure, in this case the procedure set out in Article 251 of the EC Treaty (codecision procedure). By letter of 3 May 1999 the Commission confirmed its initial proposals and submitted them to Parliament.

At the sitting of 3 May 1999 the President of Parliament referred to the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, the proposals falling within its terms of reference pending before the Council at 1 May 1999.

The Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs considered the draft report at its meeting of 13 September 1999.

At that meeting it adopted the draft legislative resolution unanimously.

The following were present for the vote: Watson, chairman; Robert J.E. Evans, vice-chairman; Posselt, vice-chairman; Frahm, rapporteur; von Boetticher, Boumediene-Thiery, Buitenweg (for Sörensen), Camre, Cashman, Cederschiöld, Cerdeira Morterero (for Swiebel), Ceyhun, Cornillet, Deprez, Di Lello Finuoli, Hazan (for Terrón i Cusí), Hernandez Mollar, Kessler, Ludford (for Goerens), Paciotti, Pirker, Schulz, Sylla, and Vattimo.

The report was tabled on 13 September 1999.

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council on the effects of the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty on legislative procedures in progress as at 1 May 1999 in the sphere of employment, industrial relations, and social affairs (SEC(99)0581 - C4-0219/99)

(Codecision procedure: confirmation of first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the list of Commission proposals pending at 1 May 1999 for which entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam entails a change of legal basis and/or procedure¹,
 - having regard to its resolution of 4 May 1999 on the implications of the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam (list of legislative proposals pending as at 1 May 1999, indicating new legal bases and any changes in legislative procedure following the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam)²,
 - having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs (A5-0012/99),
1. Decides, for the purposes of its first reading under the codecision procedure and the new legal basis specified by the Commission, not to confirm the text adopted on:
 - (a) 13 April 1999 on the proposal for a Council Decision establishing a Community action programme to promote the integration of refugees (COM(98)0731 – C4-0049/99 – 98/0356(CNS))³,
 2. Asks the Commission to submit a proposal for a European Refugee Fund, covering structural measures for refugees as regards their reception, their integration, and their repatriation;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this legislative resolution to the Council and Commission.

¹ SEC(99)0581 – C4-0219/99.

² See Minutes of that date, Part II, Item 7.

³ OJ C 219, 30.7.1999, p. 79 ff.