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## **REPORT**

on the proposal for a Council decision on providing further macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina  
(COM(2002) 437 – C5-0402/2002 – 2002/0193(CNS))

Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy

Rapporteur: Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza

### ***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*I Cooperation procedure (first reading)  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*II Cooperation procedure (second reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position  
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend  
the common position*
- \*\*\* Assent procedure  
*majority of Parliament's component Members except in cases  
covered by Articles 105, 107, 161 and 300 of the EC Treaty and  
Article 7 of the EU Treaty*
- \*\*\*I Codecision procedure (first reading)  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*\*II Codecision procedure (second reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position  
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend  
the common position*
- \*\*\*III Codecision procedure (third reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the joint text*

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the Commission)

### ***Amendments to a legislative text***

In amendments by Parliament, amended text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Highlighting in *normal italics* is an indication for the relevant departments showing parts of the legislative text for which a correction is proposed, to assist preparation of the final text (for instance, obvious errors or omissions in a given language version). These suggested corrections are subject to the agreement of the departments concerned.

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## PROCEDURAL PAGE

By letter of 3 September 2002 the Council consulted Parliament, pursuant to Article 308 of the EC Treaty on the proposal for a Council decision on providing further macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina (COM(2002) 437 –C5- 0402/2002 - 2002/0193(CNS)).

At the sitting of 5 September 2002 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred this proposal to the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy as the committee responsible and the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions (C5-0402/2002).

The Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy appointed Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza rapporteur at its meeting of 11 September 2002.

It considered the Commission proposal and the draft report at its meetings of 11 September 2002, 23 September 2002 and 1 October 2002.

At the last meeting it adopted the draft legislative resolution by 43 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

The following were present for the vote: Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza, chairman and rapporteur ; Peter Michael Mombaur and Jaime Valdivielso de Cuévice-chairmen; Gordon J. Adam, Konstantinos Alyssandrakis, Sir Robert Atkins, Danielle Auroi, María del Pilar Ayuso González Luis Berenguer Fuster, Felipe Camisón Asensio, Giles Bryan Chichester, Nicholas Clegg, Willy C.E.H. De Clercq, Marie-Hélène Descamp, Harlem Désir, Francesco Fiori, Christos Folias, Norbert Glante, Roger Helmer, Hans Karlsson, Dimitrios Koulourianos, Peter Liese, Rolf Linkohr, Caroline Lucas, Eryl Margaret McNally, Erika Mann, Marjo Matikainen-Kallström, Bill Newton Dunn, Giuseppe Nisticò, Reino Paasilinna, Paolo Pastorelli, Elly Plooij-van Gorsel, John Purvis, Alexander Radwan, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Bernhard Rapkay, Ilka Schröder, Esko Olavi Seppänen, Claude Turmes, W.G. van Velzen, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Anders Wijkman, Myrsini Zorba, Olga Zrihen Zaari.....

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy decided on 9 September 2002 not to deliver an opinion, the Committee on Budgets decided on 2 October 2002 not to deliver an opinion.

The report was tabled on 3 October 2002.

## DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on providing further macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina (COM(2002) 437 – C5-0402/2002 – 2002/0193(CNS))**

### **(Consultation procedure)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2002) 437<sup>1</sup>),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 308 of the EC Treaty (C5 – 0402/2002),
  - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy s (A5-0318/2002),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
  2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
  3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
  4. Asks to be consulted again if the Council intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
  5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

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Amendment 1  
Citation 1 a (new)

***Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC) 2666/2000 and, in particular, its Article 6(4),***

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C not yet published

### *Justification*

*The Council in November 2000 agreed on the CARDS programme of financial assistance for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the FRY and the FYROM (see Council Regulation (EC) 2666/2000 of 5 December 2000). In the CARDS regulation, provision is made to cover ad hoc exceptional financial assistance. In fact its Article 6(4) states : “Community financing may cover the grant part of ad hoc exceptional financial assistance decisions which are taken by the Council on the basis of Article 308 of the Treaty.”*

### Amendment 2

#### Recital 5

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### *Justification*

*This recital is incomplete in terms of substance and of form. The amendment seeks to clarify it*

### Amendment 3

#### Recital 5 a (new)

***Whereas financial assistance from the Community is supplementary to funds provided for by the CARDS programme under the conditions and terms laid down in Council Regulation (EC) 2666/2000.***

### *Justification*

*Community legislation should be clear, complete and transparent as suggested by the Seville European Council. Under the CARDS programme the recipient countries and regions receive Community grants that are considerable and either directly or indirectly contribute to attaining the objectives of the proposal under consideration.*

Amendment 4  
Recital 12 a (new)

***(12a) Financial assistance from the Community should be effective and properly implemented and also conform to the objectives of reform of external aid.***

*Justification*

*This amendment adds to the proposal the reference to the objectives governing the EC external aid as announced by the Commission in its Reform of external aid document.*

Amendment 5  
Article 2, paragraph 1 a (new)

***1a. The economic policy conditions attached to this assistance and referred to in paragraph 1 shall also conform to the monitoring mechanism and economic needs laid down in Council Regulation (EC) 2666/2000.***

*Justification*

*This amendment clarifies the conditions, monitoring mechanism and economic framework in which external aid to FRY should meet and follow, which are stated in the CARDS programme. The amendment links the economic conditions and rules governing macro-economic assistance to any other additional EC assistance.*