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on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement aimed at renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America
(COM(2003) 569 – C5-0503/2003 – 2003/0223(CNS))

Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy

Rapporteur: Luis Berenguer Fuster

(Simplified procedure - Rule 158(1) of the Rules of Procedure)

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 27 October 2003 the Council consulted Parliament, pursuant to Article 300(3), first subparagraph of the EC Treaty, on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement aimed at renewing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America (COM(2003) 569 – 2003/0223(CNS)).

At the sitting of 5 November 2003 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred the proposal to the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy as the committee responsible and the Committee on Budgets for its opinion (C5-0503/2003).

At its meeting of 26 November 2003 the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy decided, on a proposal from the chairman, to apply the simplified procedure under Rule 158(1), and the chairman was thus appointed rapporteur.

The following were present for the decision on the chairman's proposal: Luis Berenguer Fuster (Chairman), Yves Piétrasanta, Jaime Valdivielso de Cué (vice-chairmen), Gordon J. Adam (for Massimo Carraro), Nuala Ahern, Konstantinos Alyssandrakis, Sir Robert Atkins, Bastiaan Belder (for Yves Butel), Guido Bodrato, David Robert Bowie (for Hans Karlsson), Gérard Caudron, Giles Bryan Chichester, Marie-Hélène Descamps (for Concepció Ferrer), Harlem Désir, Francesco Fiori (for Bashir Khanbhai), Christos Folias (for Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl), Norbert Glante, Michel Hansenne, Dimitrios Koulourianos (for Fausto Bertinotti), Helmut Kuhne (for Reino Paasilinna), Werner Langen, Rolf Linkohr, Eryl Margaret McNally, Erika Mann, Hans-Peter Martin (for Gary Titley), Marjo Matikainen-Kallström, Ana Miranda de Lage, Elizabeth Montfort, Bill Newton Dunn, Angelika Niebler, Giuseppe Nisticò (for Christian Foldberg Røvsing), Seán Ó Neachtain, Paolo Pastorelli, Elly Plooi-j-van Gorsel, Samuli Pohjamo, John Purvis, Alexander Radwan (for Umberto Scapagnini), Imelda Mary Read, Mechtilde Rothe, Paul Rübig, Esko Olavi Seppänen, W.G. van Velzen, Myrsini Zorba and Olga Zrihen Zaari.

The Committee on Budgets decided on 4 November 2003 not to deliver an opinion.

The report was tabled on 3 December 2003.

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(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2003) 569)¹,
 - having regard to Articles 170 and 300(2), first subparagraph of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Article 300(3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C5-0503/2003),
 - having regard to Rules 67, 97(7) and 158(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy (A5-0436/2003),
1. Approves conclusion of the agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the United States of America.

¹ OJ C ... / Not yet published in OJ.