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on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an Agreement on the participation of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the European Economic Area and four related agreements

(11902/2003 – COM(2003) 439 – C5-0626/2003 – 2003/0160(AVC))

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)

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PROCEDURAL PAGE

By letter of 11 December 2003 the Council requested Parliament's assent, under Article 300(3), second subparagraph, in conjunction with the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) and Article 310 of the EC Treaty, on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an Agreement on the participation of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the European Economic Area and four related agreements (11902/2003 – COM(2003) 439 – 2003/0160(AVC)).

At the sitting of 15 December 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 Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy for its opinion (C5-0626/2003).

At its meeting of 21 January 2004, 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, Jaime Valdivielso de Cué, vice-chairman; Per-Arne Arvidsson (for Sir Robert Atkins), Ward Beysen (for Paul Rübig), Guido Bodrato, Felipe Camisón Asensio (for Concepció Ferrer), Giles Bryan Chichester, Nicholas Clegg, Willy C.E.H. De Clercq, Marie-Hélène Descamps (for Elizabeth Montfort), Francesco Fiori (for Umberto Scapagnini), Norbert Glante, Michel Hansenne, Roger Helmer (for Nuala Ahern), Bashir Khanbhai, Peter Liese (for Werner Langen), Caroline Lucas, Hans-Peter Martin (for Konrad K. Schwaiger), Eryl Margaret McNally, Ana Miranda de Lage, Angelika Niebler, Reino Paasilinna, Elly Plooi-van Gorsel, Samuli Pohjamo (for Marjo Matikainen-Kallström), John Purvis, Christian Foldberg Røvsing, Esko Olavi Seppänen, Claude Turmes, W.G. van Velzen, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Myrsini Zorba.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy decided on 7 October 2003 not to deliver an opinion.

The recommendation was tabled on 3 February 2004.

DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of an Agreement on the participation of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the European Economic Area and four related agreements (11902/2003 – COM(2003) 439 – C5-0626/2003 – 2003/0160(AVC))

(Assent procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2003) 439)¹,
 - having regard to the conclusion of the agreement (11902/2003),
 - having regard to the request for assent submitted by the Council pursuant to Article 300(3), second subparagraph, in conjunction with the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) and Article 310 of the EC Treaty (C5-0626/2003),
 - having regard to Rules 86, 97(7) and 158(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy (A5-0054/2004),
1. Gives its assent to 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 Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic.

¹ Not yet published in OJ.