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## **REPORT**

on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion by the European Community of the Agreement on the Accession of the European Community to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980, as amended by the Vilnius Protocol of 3 June 1999 (COM(2003) 696 – C5-0041/2004 – 2003/0269(CNS))

Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism

Rapporteur: Paolo Costa

(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 21 January 2004 the Council consulted Parliament, under Articles 71 and 300 (2) and (3) first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion by the European Community of the Agreement on the Accession of the European Community to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980, as amended by the Vilnius Protocol of 3 June 1999 (COM(2003) 696 – 2003/0269(CNS)).

At the sitting of 28 January 2004 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred the proposal to the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism as the committee responsible (C5-0041/2004).

At its meeting of 17 February 2004 the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism 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, Rijk van Dam (vice-chairman), Gilles Savary (vice-chairman), Pedro Aparicio Sánchez (for Joaquim Vairinhos), Graham H. Booth (for Alain Esclopé), Philip Charles Bradbourn, Felipe Camisón Asensio, Luigi Cocilovo, Christine de Veyrac, Nirj Deva (for Rolf Berend), Jan Dhaene, Den Dover (for Dana Rosemary Scallon), Garrelt Duin, Jacqueline Foster, Catherine Guy-Quint (for Danielle Darras), Konstantinos Hatzidakis, Ewa Hedkvist Petersen, Roger Helmer (for Renate Sommer), Liam Hyland (Gerard Collins pursuant to Rule 153(2)), Juan de Dios Izquierdo Collado, Georg Jarzembowski, Elisabeth Jeggle (for Margie Sudre), Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Giorgio Lisi, Erik Meijer, Bill Miller (for John Hume), Enrique Monsonís Domingo, Francesco Musotto, James Nicholson, Camilo Nogueira Román, Josu Ortuondo Larrea, Peter Pex, Wilhelm Ernst Piecyk, Samuli Pohjamo, Alonso José Puerta, Reinhard Rack, Ingo Schmitt, Dirk Sterckx, Ulrich Stockmann, Hannes Swoboda (for Brian Simpson), Ari Vatanen, Herman Vermeer, Mark Francis Watts and Brigitte Wenzel-Perillo (for Carlos Ripoll y Martínez de Bedoya) .

The report was tabled on 19 February 2004.

## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

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(COM(2003) 696 – C5-0041/2004 – 2003/0269(CNS))**

**(Consultation procedure)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2003) 696)<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to Articles 71 and 300 (2) and (3) first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C5-0041/2004),
  - having regard to Rule 67 and 158(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism (A5-0070/2004),
1. Approves the 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Not yet published in OJ.