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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

on the draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe
(2004/2129(INI))

Draftsman: Vasco Graça Moura

SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the fact that implementation of the three pillars of sustainable development has been included among the objectives of the European Union and that the integration of environmental protection requirements into the definition and implementation of Union policies and a high level of protection of human health are recognised by the draft Constitution as principles applicable to all Union policies;
2. Regrets the fact that Part III of the draft Constitution, which deals with the policies and functioning of the Union, has not been updated and brought into line with the principle of sustainable development, in particular in the areas of agricultural, cohesion, transport and trade policy; likewise regrets the fact that some environmental measures, in particular those of a fiscal nature and those concerning town and country planning, the quantitative management of water resources and land use, are not covered by the ordinary legislative procedure, but are to be adopted by the Council acting unanimously;
3. Welcomes the fact that the adoption of measures seeking to establish high standards regarding the quality and safety of medicinal products and medical equipment and of measures dealing with the monitoring, early warning and combating of serious transfrontier threats to health has been included among the European Union's shared competences and made subject to the ordinary legislative procedure;
4. Welcomes the incorporation into the draft Constitution of a chapter devoted to the democratic life of the Union and the principle that decisions must be taken in the most transparent manner possible and at a level as close as possible to citizens; emphasises the significance of the responsibility borne by the Community institutions vis-à-vis citizens and the need for citizens and their organisations to have access to justice, in particular in the area of the environment, in accordance with the UN ECE's Aarhus Convention.

PROCEDURE

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Substitutes under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	