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Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States *

European Parliament legislative resolution of 17 February 2011 on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (COM(2011)0006 – C7-0033/2011 – 2011/0007(CNS))

(Special legislative procedure – consultation)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2011)0006),
 - having regard to Article 148(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C7-0033/2011),
 - having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (A7-0040/2011),
1. Approves the Commission proposal;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to substantially amend the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Reiterates its longstanding call to the Commission and the Council to ensure that the Parliament is given the necessary time, and in any event no less than five months, to express its views on the Integrated Guidelines (Broad Economic Policy Guidelines and Employment Guidelines) in the framework of the European Semester and to fulfil its consultative role, as defined in Article 148(2) of the Treaty, during the full revision of the guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States, which is scheduled to take place in 2014;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.