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3. Regulation on the implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

- proposal for a regulation COM(85) 128 final: approved

- Doc. A 2-60/85

RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3626/82 on the implementation in the Community of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (COM(85) 128 final)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. C 2-16/85),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. A 2-60/85),
- having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3626/82 of 3 December 1982 on the implementation in the Community of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to the result of the vote on the Commission's proposal,

1. Approves this proposal;

2. Instructs its President to forward to the Commission and the Council, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission's proposal as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 112, 7. 5. 1985, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 384, 31. 12. 1982, p. 1.

4. Right to petition Parliament — European passport — Abolition of obstacles at intra-Community borders

- (a) Doc. A 2-41/85

RESOLUTION

on strengthening the citizen's right to petition the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 108 to 110 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to Article 18 of the draft Treaty establishing the European Union,

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- having regard to Articles 5 and 213 of the EEC Treaty, empowering the Commission to collect any information required for the performance of the tasks entrusted to it,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions and the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights (Doc. A 2-41/85),
- A. pointing out that the legal acts of the European Community are increasingly affecting the daily life of each of its citizens,
- B. stressing that one of the essential rights of a Community citizen is to be able to contest the implementation of the Community's administrative and legal acts at Community and national level,
- C. emphasizing the limited scope for the citizen to institute proceedings before the Court of justice, and the practical difficulties and cost of doing so if he can,
- D. considering that it is necessary to make the Community system transparent and to introduce a flexible and effective Community complaints system,
- E. pointing out that it has already established the citizen's right of petition, but that this right is based solely on its own Rules of Procedure, and that its opportunities for shedding proper light on petitions and having remedies found to justified complaints are therefore limited,
- F. having in recent years acquired the experience that consideration of petitions by a parliamentary committee enjoying adequate resources and powers is the most appropriate solution at Community level;
- G. whereas the existing differences between national legal systems and the Community legal system make it impossible purely and simply to transpose the institution of the ombudsman into the Community system,
- H. whereas it is preferable therefore to set up a parliamentary committee to consider petitions from the public in collaboration with the Commission and the Member States;
- I. emphasizing that, if this committee is to carry out its task, the Commission and the Member States must be required, through their political representatives, to provide the necessary information;
1. Affirms its will to strengthen the citizen's right to petition the European Parliament and to strengthen the European Parliament's ability to obtain information to indicate whether or not a petition is justified and to remedy the problems raised in the petitions;
2. Calls on the Member States, the Commission and the Council to cooperate with the European Parliament in attaining this objective;
3. Welcomes, therefore, the action taken in this respect by the ad hoc Committee on a People's Europe, which was set up by the Heads of State or Government at their meeting in Fontainebleau, and expects the European Council in its conclusions to acknowledge:
- the citizen's right to petition the European Parliament and the obligation on the Community institutions and the national authorities to provide the European Parliament with the necessary information;
 - the need to lay down the detailed provisions as rapidly as possible on a proposal from the European Parliament;
4. Calls on the Commission in this connection to undertake to provide the European Parliament with the information it requests in connection with the examination of petitions that have been declared admissible and, where necessary and using appropriate procedures, to give the European Parliament access to its files;
5. Affirms at the same time its will to increase and expand its own resources and structures devoted to the consideration of petitions; instructs its Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions in this connection to submit proposals for:
- strengthening the committee's administrative structures;
 - preparing a publicity campaign to advise the citizens of Europe of their right to petition the European Parliament;

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- appropriate changes to Rules 108 to 110 of the Rules of Procedure relating to the examination of petitions;
 - preparation of Community legislation in this field;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the committee's report to the Commission, Council, Heads of State or Government and parliaments of the Member States.

(b) Doc. B 2-411/85

RESOLUTION

on the European Passport

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the resolution of the Council of 23 June 1981 to issue a European passport;
 - B. having regard to the Fontainebleau decision of the European Council that the European Passport should be made available to Member States' nationals by 1 January 1985,
 - C. considering that this deadline has not been met by all the Member States,
 - D. concerned that in certain Member States the fee charged for issuing the European Passport will be increased to an unreasonable level,
 - E. in the light of the current quest for tangible symbols of a People's Europe,
 - F. noting the reluctance of the immigration authorities of certain Member States as well as third countries to recognize the validity of the European Passport,
1. Calls upon the Commission to take all necessary steps to ensure that those Member States which have not yet done so now issue the European Passport forthwith, in accordance with the Fontainebleau decision;
 2. Deplores the failure of certain Member States to inform their administrations about the validity of the European Passport;
 3. Calls upon all the Member States to instruct their services to recognize the European Passport;
 4. Calls on the Commission to launch an information campaign to promote awareness among the public of the existence and purpose of the European Passport;
 5. Urges the Commission to propose the harmonization of fees charged so that the symbolic value of the European Passport is not undermined by its excessive cost;
 6. Urges the Commission to take urgent action to inform the governments of all States in the world as to the status and validity of the European Passport and to ensure that it is recognized throughout the world on the same basis as existing national passports;
 7. Requests the Commission to draw up proposals and to press for the realization of the Passport Union first envisaged by the Heads of Government meeting in Paris on 9/10 December 1974 and confirmed by the resolution of the Council on 23 June 1981;