

European Parliament Resolution: excerpt on the demand for the creation of the committee of the regions (22 November 1990)

Caption: In its Resolution of 22 November 1990 on the Intergovernmental Conferences in the context of the European Parliament's strategy for European Union, Parliament recommends the creation of a Committee of the Regions and Local Authorities with consultative status.

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European Parliament Resolution on the Intergovernmental Conferences in the context of the European Parliament's strategy for European Union (22 November 1990)

A3-270/90

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 23 November 1989 on the Intergovernmental Conference decided on at the European Council in Madrid ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 14 March 1990 on the Intergovernmental Conference in the context of Parliament's strategy for European Union ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 11 July 1990 on the Intergovernmental Conferences in the context of Parliament's strategy for European Union ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to its resolution of 12 April 1989 on the Declaration of Fundamental Rights and Liberties ⁽⁴⁾,
- having regard to Rule 121 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the third interim report of the Committee on Institutional Affairs (A3-270/90),

A. Whereas Parliament's Committee on Institutional Affairs, with the assistance of four legal experts, has translated its proposals into concrete draft amendments to the EEC Treaty:

B. Whereas further study ought to be undertaken on the designation of legal norms within the Community order and the relationship among them with a view to making concrete proposals at a later date;

1. Approves the following draft amendments to the EEC Treaty which, together with the Treaty articles on EMU contained in Parliament's resolution of 10 October 1990 ⁽⁵⁾ and the articles on subsidiarity contained in the resolution of 21 November 1990 ⁽⁶⁾, constitute the complete package of proposals that Parliament expects the IGCs to consider;

[...]

Article 198a (new)

1. A committee of the regions and local authorities of the Community with consultative status shall be set up.
2. The committee shall be composed of democratically elected representatives of the different regions and municipalities of the Community. The number of its members, their distribution and the arrangements for their representation shall be fixed in accordance with the procedure laid down pursuant to Article 188b of this Treaty.
3. The members of the committee shall be appointed for a four-year term by the Council acting by a qualified majority with the assent of the European Parliament and after consulting the Commission. Their mandates shall be renewable.
4. The members of the committee may not be bound by any mandate.

Article 198b (new)

The committee shall appoint its chairman and its bureau from among its members. It shall draw up its internal rules of procedure. It shall be convened by its chairman at the request of the Council, Parliament or

the Commission or following an independent initiative of the committee decided on by a majority of its members.

Article 198c (new)

The committee shall be consulted by the Council, Parliament or the Commission on proposals for measures that have an impact on regional matters or that fall within the terms of reference of the regions. The committee shall be set a time limit for the submission of its opinion, upon expiry of the time limit, the absence of an opinion shall not prevent further action. The opinions shall be forwarded to the Community institutions and published. The committee may on its own initiative draw up reports and set out proposals on all matters having an interest for the regions of the Community.

[...]

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the European Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Governments and the Parliaments of the Member States and applicant states, and to the Consultative Committee of Local and Regional Authorities, the inter-institutional pre-conferences, the Intergovernmental Conferences, the Conference of the Parliaments of the European Community, the European Trade Union Confederation and UNICE.

(¹) OJ No C 323, 27.12.1989, p. 111.

(²) OJ No C 96, 17.4.1990, p. 114.

(³) OJ No C 231, 17.9.1990, p. 97.

(⁴) OJ No C 120, 16.5.1989, p. 53.

(⁵) Part II, Item 5 of Minutes of that date.

(⁶) Part II, Item 7 of Minutes of that date.