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on the draft Council decision establishing the Social Protection Committee and repealing Decision 2004/689/EC
(05126/2015 – C8-0025/2015 – 2015/0802(CNS))

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Rapporteur: Marita Ulvskog

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

Amendments to a draft act

Amendments by Parliament set out in two columns

Deletions are indicated in ***bold italics*** in the left-hand column. Replacements are indicated in ***bold italics*** in both columns. New text is indicated in ***bold italics*** in the right-hand column.

The first and second lines of the header of each amendment identify the relevant part of the draft act under consideration. If an amendment pertains to an existing act that the draft act is seeking to amend, the amendment heading includes a third line identifying the existing act and a fourth line identifying the provision in that act that Parliament wishes to amend.

Amendments by Parliament in the form of a consolidated text

New text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated using either the ■ symbol or strikeout. Replacements are indicated by highlighting the new text in ***bold italics*** and by deleting or striking out the text that has been replaced.

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the draft Council decision establishing the Social Protection Committee and
repealing Decision 2004/689/EC
(05126/2015 – C8-0025/2015 – 2015/0802(CNS))**

(Special legislative procedure – consultation)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council draft (05126/2015),
 - having regard to Article 160 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C8-0025/2015),
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A8-0066/2015),
1. Approves the Council draft as amended;
 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 its draft;
 4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1

Draft decision

Recital 3

Council draft

(3) In its Conclusions of 17 December 1999 on the strengthening of cooperation for modernising and improving social protection², the Council supported the Commission's proposal to establish a mechanism for enhanced cooperation, brought about by the work of the group of high-level officials, for the implementation of this action. The Council stressed that this kind of cooperation should cover all forms of social protection and, where necessary, help the Member States to improve and strengthen their social protection systems in accordance with their national priorities. It also recalled the competence of the Member States for the organisation and financing of social protection and endorsed the four broad objectives within the overall challenge of modernising social protection systems as identified by the Commission: namely to make work pay and provide secure income, to make pensions safe and pension systems sustainable, to promote social inclusion and to ensure high quality and sustainable health care; it also underlined that equality between women and men must be mainstreamed in all activities aiming at these four objectives. Finally, the Council recognised that the aspects relating to finance are common to all the objectives.

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Amendment

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Amendment 2

Draft decision Recital 7

Council draft

(7) In its Conclusions of June 2013, the European Council stated that the social dimension of the EMU should be strengthened. As a first step, it is important to better monitor and take into account the social and labour market situation within EMU, notably by using appropriate social and employment indicators within the European semester. It is also important to ensure better coordination of employment **and** social policies, while fully respecting national competences.

Amendment

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PROCEDURE

Title	Decision establishing the Social Protection Committee and repealing Decision 2004/689/EC		
References	05126/2015 – C8-0025/2015 – 2015/0802(CNS)		
Date of consulting Parliament	30.1.2015		
Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	EMPL 9.2.2015		
Committees asked for opinions Date announced in plenary	BUDG 9.2.2015	ECON 9.2.2015	FEMM 9.2.2015
Not delivering opinions Date of decision	BUDG 11.2.2015	ECON 10.3.2015	FEMM 18.3.2015
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Marita Ulvskog 22.1.2015		
Date adopted	24.3.2015		
Result of final vote	+: -: 0:	46 1 0	
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