

European Parliament: Rapid Approval of Electronic Commerce Directive

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On 4 May 2000, the European Parliament approved the Directive on Electronic Commerce exactly as proposed by the Council of the European Union on 28 February 2000 in its Common Position (see IRIS 2000-3: 4). According to the rules of the co-decision procedure (Article 251 of the EC Treaty), the Directive is now formally adopted and has to be transposed into national law by the Member States within 18 months following the Directive's publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Common Position (EC) No 22/2000 adopted by the Council on 28 February 2000 with a view to adopting a Directive 2000/.../EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce, in the internal market, OJ C 128, 8 May 2000 p.32.

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