Codebook to the Treaty of Amsterdam

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1 Issues coded from EP Taskforce

Numbers correspond to issue numbers in the data. Numbers in parentheses following the issue description correspond to the page number and issue number in the original EP Taskforce report.

1.1 Citizenship and Fundamental Rights

1. Treaty chapter on fundamental rights and human rights (1,1)
2. Accession to ECHR (1,2)
3. Equality of treatment and nondiscrimination clause (1,3)
4. Clause on women's equality (2,10)
5. Add social and economic rights (1,4)
6. Direct effect for Article 8a (residency rights)and full implementation of free movement of persons at a given date (1,5)
7. EU citizenship should not replace national citizenship (1,6)
8. No unanimity for Article 8e (supplement citizen's rights) (1,7)
9. Explicit reference to public services being a right of EU citizens (1,8)
10. Protection by the ECJ and direct access for private citizens in response to violations deriving from the acts of the European institutions (1,9)
11. Political control; suspension of certain rights of member states (2,11)
12. Political control; exclusion from EU meetings of certain member states (2,12)
13. Right of information and freedom of expression on the Community policies (2,13)
14. Develop political citizenship (2,14)
15. Introduce list of fundamental rights (2,15)
16. Outlawing the death penalty and/or racist or xenophobic acts (3,16)
17. Political promotions for young people (3,17)
18. Recognition of cultural and linguistic diversity and protection of national minorities (3,18)
19. Promotion of the cultural dimension (3,19)
20. Specific status and nondiscrimination for resident third-country nationals (3,20)
21. Voluntary European peace corps (3,21)

1.2 Third Pillar- Justice and Home Affairs

22. Communitarization of JHA; total, partial or no communitarization (4,22-24)
23. Improve third pillar instruments; new Title regarding free movement of persons, asylum, and immigration. Police and judicial cooperation on criminal matters (4,25)
24. Improve Art. K.9 procedure (4,26)
25. Communitarization of visa policy (4,27)
26. Communitarization of asylum policy (4,28)
27. Communitarization of immigration policy (4,29)
28. Communitarization of rules on crossing external frontiers (4,30)
29. Communitarization of action against international fraud (4,31)
30. Communitarization of anti-drugs action (4, 32)
31. Communitarization of legal cooperation in civil matters (5,33)
32. Community institutions and procedures for police cooperation (5,34)
33. Customs cooperation (5,35)
34. Cooperation in legal and criminal matters (5,36)
35. Reinforce anti-terrorist measures (5,37)
36. Qualified majority voting in Justice and Home Affairs (5,38)
37. Extend Commission's right of initiative (5,39)
38. Adoption of directives: decision, framework decision, and agreement (5,40)
39. Reinforce the role of the EP, codecision (6,41-42)
40. Reinforce the role of the ECJ (6,43)
41. Simplify 5-level structure (6,44)
42. Incorporate Schengen (6,45)
43. Involve national parliaments (6,46)

1.3 Employment

44. Employment as a guiding principle of the EMU (7,47)
45. Reinforce high employment as an objective of the EU (7,48)
46. Coordinate efforts of governments and social partners (7,49)
47. Include social protocol in Treaty (7,50)
48. New Treaty chapter- "A Union for Employment" (7,51)
49. Inclusion in Treaty of "conclusions of Essen, Cannes and Madrid summits" (7,52)
50. Commission measures and timetable for social union (7,53)
51. Creation of a committee for employment (7,54)
52. Incorporate principle of improvement of living and working conditions (7,55)
53. Incorporate principles of Charter of Fundamental Social Rights (7,56)
54. Direct action to combat social exclusion (8,57)
55. Qualified majority voting in this area (8,58)
56. Adoption of measures to enhance European competitiveness (8,59)

1.4 The Most Remote Regions and Overseas Territories

57. Differentiated and specific treatment (8,60)

1.5 The Environment

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59. Reinforce sustainable development (9,62)
60. Possibility of stricter national rules (9,63)
61. Abandon unanimity (9,64)
62. Apply codecision (9,65)
63. Participation in implementation of common policies (9,66)
64. Integral part of all EU policies (9,67)
65. Inclusion of title on animal welfare (9,68)
66. Strengthening environmental impact reports (9,69)

1.6 Subsidiarity

67. Modify Art. 3b (10,70)
68. Incorporate Edinburgh declaration as protocol (10,71)
69. Control of principle with COSAC (The joint committee of European Affairs committees of national parliaments) (10,72)
70. Control of principle by national parliaments (10,73)
71. Retain Art. 235 (10,74)
72. Catalogue of powers in the Treaty (10,75)
73. Regional rights in the Treaty (10,76)
74. Introduction of "sunset clauses" (10,77)

1.7 Transparency and Simplification

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76. Council to consider on legislative matters in public (11,79)
77. Access to Council documents as a general principle unless otherwise decided by 2/3rds (11,80)
78. Simplification of Treaties (11,81)
79. Consolidation of the Treaties (11,82)

1.8 European Parliament

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89. Codecision: adoption of joint texts approved at the 2nd reading (13,97)
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1.9 Other Demands of the European Parliament

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100. Reinforce position of EP vis-à-vis ECJ (15,112)
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1.10 National Parliaments

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104. Commission white papers/proposals forwarded systematically (16,116)
105. National parliaments' deadlines before Council decisions (16,117)
106. Commissioners to be heard by national parliaments (16,118)
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111. High consultative council of national MPs (16,123)
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1.11 The Council

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117. Double majority member states/population (18,135)

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1.12 The Commission

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