

Thursday, 27 October 2011 - Strasbourg

Explanation of vote:

Report: Roberta Angelilli ([A7-0294/2011](#))

Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing . – I voted for this report in view of the importance of the Directive on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography. This document aims to establish minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions in the area of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children, child pornography and solicitation of children for sexual purposes.

As the European Parliament report underlines, this directive should be fully complementary with the directive on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims. In addition to that, this report asks for reinforced protection for victims and prevention measures, both at EU level and at Member States level. The text stresses also that Member States must ensure the prompt removal of web-pages containing or disseminating child pornography hosted in their territory and endeavour to obtain the removal of such pages hosted outside of their territory, measures that I consider to be of primary importance.

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