

Deutscher Bundestag

## DECISION

At its 115 sitting held on 2 July 2015, the Bundestag decided, on the basis of Bundestag printed paper 18/5411, regarding the

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure and Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 creating a European order for payment procedure COM (2013) 794 final; Council document 16749/13

## here: Reaching of agreement in accordance with Section 8 (4) Act on Cooperation between the Federal Government and the German Bundestag in Matters concerning the European Union

in reference to the opinion of the German Bundestag submitted to the Federal Government under Article 23 (3) German Basic Law on 25 September 2014 in printed paper 18/2647 and the reaching of agreement of the Bundestag on 3 December 2014 in printed paper 18/3427 and taking note of the report by the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection on invoking the requirement of prior parliamentary approval in accordance with Section 8 (4) Sentence 2 EUZBBG of 24 June 2015 to adopt the following decision:

I.

The German Bundestag duly notes that in the trilogue negotiations on the issue of the scope of application of the small claims procedure, the European Commission, European Parliament and Council Presidency have agreed on a maximum claim value of EUR 5,000 and to evaluate the need to raise this further after a period of five years.

The Bundestag affirms its opinion that this goes too far in extending the scope of application of the procedure, as claims of up to EUR 5,000 no longer constitute small claims. This significantly exceeds the maximum claim value of EUR 4,000 the Bundestag deemed to only just be within the bounds of the acceptable for genuine cross-border cases. For the same reasons, the Bundestag rejects efforts to broaden the scope of application of the procedure even further in the future following an evaluation.



II.

In light of this, the Bundestag declares that agreement under Section 8 (4) EUZBBG has not been reached.