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Mr GLANTE felt that the use of the EURO-ISDN network should be expanded through a reduction in costs. Europe was at the forefront of this industry and should develop it by creating jobs. The amendments highlighted the universal nature of this network (which should be defined as broadly as possible); it should therefore be accessible to both SMEs and large businesses. Commissioner BANGEMANN underlined the importance of a universal service through EURO-ISDN and the role of SMEs. He noted that public funds could not be used to finance ISDN infrastructure. As regards the amendments, he opposed Amendment No 3 as this Decision did not imply any financial commitment by a Member State. He also rejected the first part of Amendment No 4 as it called on the Member States to take measures to complement those taken by the Union.