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The rapporteur said that the aim of the report was to implement the competition rules laid down in the Association Agreement. He also welcomed the contact structures that were to be put in place in response to the accusations made by the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, who took the view that the rules on competition being applied by the European Union were excessively harsh and were designed to block the entry of their products into the European market. Commissioner van den Broek assured Parliament that he would keep a close watch on developments in Slovakia, primarily to verify that proper competition policy was being applied there, with less aid from the state. The measures being proposed for the Czech and Slovak Republics were similar to those that had previously been put forward for Poland and Hungary.