

# **Co-financing operations with European non-governmental development organisations (NGOs) in fields of interest to the developing countries**

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Commissioner PINHEIRO opposed the rapporteur's request for an increase in the number of staff managing the financial resources in this area as the fundamental objective was to reduce bureaucracy. He also highlighted the criterion of the European dimension of NGOs' activities. Finally, he rejected the proposal that the Regulation should only be valid for a limited period of time; it would be preferable to provide in the short term for a report assessing the results of the Regulation and then to decide, if necessary, to review the Regulation.