Dangers of fundamentalism

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Parliament rejected by 158 votes to 305 with 27 abstentions the report by Mr Arie OOSTLANDER (EPP, NL) on the dangers of fundamentalism. Parliament had already rejected numerous paragraphs of this report, in particular those calling for: - the Community to support measures to combat the terrorist excesses of various forms of religious fundamentalism, - the Union to pursue a preventive policy against any form of violent religious fundamentalism so that foreign fomenters of unrest were unable to find fertile ground in the EU, - a common foreign policy unequivocally advocating democracy, the rule of law and human rights which would thereby not provoke any unnecessary anti-Western reactions or fuel religious fundamentalism, as regrettably, European policy on the war in Bosnia did. It should be noted that the UPE Group had already declared that it would not take part in the vote as religion fell within national competence.