EC/Cambodia agreement: cooperation agreement

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The European Parliament referred back to committee, as requested by the rapporteur, Mr Luciano PETTINARI (GUE/NGL, IT), the report concerning the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and Cambodia. The aim of this referral was to allow Parliament to exert pressure on the co-Prime Minister Hun Sen who had taken power by force during the summer of 1997. Mr PETTINARI considered that three conditions needed to be met before Parliament could ratify the agreement: - full adherence to the Paris peace agreements of October 1991, - adherence to the timetable for elections which should be held in March 1998 subject to monitoring by international authorities, - strict observance of human rights in general.