

# **Developing countries: integrate the environment in the development process, sustainable development**

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The Conciliation Committee reached agreement on a joint text for the regulation on measures to promote the full integration of the environmental dimension in the development process of developing countries. Of the 13 amendments which Parliament had tabled to the Council's common position, the Council accepted nine as they stood, including the proposed increase in the budget from EUR 50.4 million to EUR 93 million. As far as the amendments on comitology were concerned, a compromise was reached whereby the management committee procedure would apply to decisions relating to grants of EUR 2.5 million or more, while in other cases the Commission would decide without the involvement of the committee. As Parliament managed to secure adequate financing of the activities covered by the regulation and achieved substantial improvements as to its content, the EP delegation decided to recommend that the plenary approve the joint text.