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During the debate on the co-operation with the "ALA" countries, Commissioner Patten repeated his opposition to the separation of the Regulation into two parts, one applicable to Latin America and the other to Asia. According to the Commission, to have two distinct Regulations would complicate and unnecessarily weigh down the administrative procedures. For Mr. PATTEN, it is not certain that the local beneficiaries will be pleased by this separation. It is therefore necessary to concentrate on the objective of the directive which is the eradication of poverty.