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The common position incorporates the content of the three European Parliament amendments accepted by the Commission in its amended proposal. The main amendments: - include a reference to the "financial contribution by the Community"; - introduce two basic conditions for the participation of legal entities in third countries: their participation must serve Community policies and they must cooperate with a minimum number of Community participants; priority will be given to European countries and to cooperation within a negotiated framework (bilateral agreements); - introduce an optional system of calls for expression of interest for information purposes; - include a reference to assistance activities of a competitive nature; - include technical monitoring clauses in contracts; - clarify the status of the JRC as regards its future participation; - clarify the links with the provisions of Annex IV to the fourth framework programme (ceilings on the financial participation of the Community); inclusion of the European Parliament's amendment concerning the need for payment "in good time"; distinction between the use of the usual method of real costs and the use of other methods; clarification of the notion of "fixed compound rates"; clearer definition of the notion of "additional costs"; - clarification of the possibilities given to SMEs to participate outside the context of ordinary calls for proposals; - limitation of the duration of rules to projects under the fourth framework programme with the possibility of subsequent extension; - annual reports on the implementation of the rules and final examination before the end of the fourth framework programme.