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The Committee : - stresses that research, technological development and innovation are one of the most urgent areas for action to enhance the competitiveness of Community industry and to make a positive impact on employment, against the backdrop of economic and social cohesion; - is concerned that, at a time when the level of technology in the EU is increasingly lagging that of its major competitors, there is a serious risk that the RTD financial commitments made under the fourth framework programme (1994-1998) will be called into question; - insists on the importance of immaterial investments, especially in the fields of education, training and research, as part of the strategy for revitalizing competitiveness and employment in the European Union; - broadly approves the Commission proposals.