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The Committee has adopted the report on the progress made towards accession by Hungary. Overall, while the report drawS attention to the remaining problems, it welcomes the progress achieved. However, it also stresses that the reforms being made by these countries must be accompanied by measures to alleviate their social consequences. The report, drafted by Mr. Otto Von HABSBURG (EPP, D), considers that the Hungarian government has made great efforts to improve the quality of life of the gypsy minority but that it does not have sufficient financial resources. The government should conduct a dialogue with the opposition and the social partners to create a political climate favourable to Hungarian membership of the EU. The fact that Hungary is now participating in the implementation of the CFSP is welcomed and the report backs Hungary's stated intention of applying for membership of the WEU.