Central America: Community action plan for the reconstruction

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The committee adopted the report by Pedro MARSET CAMPOS (EUL/NGL, E) on the Commission's communication on a Community Action Plan for the reconstruction of Central America.The committee stressed that reconstruction should work towards promoting the regional integration process. Particular emphasis should be paid to reducing poverty, developing education and promoting civil society - particularly the rights of women and indigenous communities. The committee drew attention to the need to implement environmental protection policies in the countries concerned and also stressed that emissions of greenhouse gases from the industrialised world, which were responsible for climate changes, should be reduced. The committee went on to underline the importance of the EU contributing support for the complete cancellation of the non-commercial debt and as much commercial debt as was possible. It also called for an expansion of EU trade with the region.