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The committee adopted the report by Luís QUEIRÓ (UEN, P) on Hungary's application for membership of the EU and the state of negotiations. It applauded Hungary's progress towards adoption of the "acquis communautaire", and its steady economic growth. The report stressed the need for firm, foreseeable dates for accession to be established as soon as possible in order to prevent discontent about membership growing within certain sectors of Hungarian society. The most worrying internal issues, the committee believed, were the problems of organised crime and corruption. The report also called for efforts to tackle the increasing problem of trafficking in women, given that Hungary was a transit and destination country for such trafficking. Lastly, the Hungarian Government was urged to renew its efforts to bring the relevant environmental legislation into line, to monitor air and water quality and to tackle the problem of industrial pollution.