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The committee adopted the report by Baroness Emma NICHOLSON (ELDR, UK) on Romania's application for membership of the EU and the state of negotiations. The report stated that Romania still faced a long path to accession, and stressed in particular the problem of children in institutions, the prevalence of corruption and the inadequate reform of public administration. The economic situation was still giving cause for concern, as was the environmental situation in many parts of Romania. The committee nonetheless wanted the EU to send out positive and encouraging signals to Romania by, for example, removing the visa requirements for Romanian citizens. It stressed the strategic importance of Romania's position in south-east Europe and the stabilising and constructive role which Romania had played during the Kosovo conflict, and believed that its accession would reinforce the Common Foreign and Security Policy.