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The committee adopted the report by Jan Marinus WIERSMA (PES, NL) on Slovakia's application for membership of the EU and the state of the negotiations. The report congratulated Slovakia on its progress in the fields of constitutional and administrative reform and felt that full implementation of its "ambitious reform programme" would put it back into the vanguard of the accession process. Slovakia should continue the speed of alignment to the EU "acquis" in order to ensure a speedy negotiation process. The report took the view that Slovakia could soon be regarded as a functioning market economy thanks to the decisive steps the government had taken on the path of economic reform. However, it urged the Slovak Government to continue its efforts to fight corruption and organised crime and also called for measures to tackle the increasing problem of trafficking in women.