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The Commmittee welcomes the extension of TEMPUS and its adjustment to meet concrete objectives of improved socio-economic conditions in the beneficiary countries. The Committee supports the call for the establishment of specific criteria to meet specific situations encountered by the PHARE and TACIS beneficiary countries. As this is an amendment of the second phase of TEMPUS II, it would be particularly beneficial if the participation of beneficiary country enterprises was made a basic selection criterion. The participation of these enterprises will, of course, be matched by the involvement in the project of one European Union enterprise. The Committee attaches top priority to education reforms designed to meet industry's training needs. The Committee is of the opinion that in those countries that are not eligible for the LEONARDO and SOCRATES Programmes, TEMPUS should help create suitable conditions to enable them to obtain the qualifications and skills which flow from the "acquis communautaire".