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The Committee welcomes the report presented by the Commission, which makes it clear that the European Union does concern itself with the tourism sector and those working in it. However, it urges the Commission to try to measure in greater detail the effects of the different measures in terms of job creation in the sector or of improving the quality of the tourism product, as this would facilitate the choices which would guide the continuation, or indeed intensification, of tourism policy. Following on from earlier opinions, the Committee then returns to certain questions influencing the future development of the tourism industry: the environment, consumer policy and above all the problems of employment. The Committee also takes the opportunity to express regret that the Treaty of Amsterdam has still not provided a specific legal basis for tourism policy, and to call upon the Council to reach an agreement as soon as possible on the Philoxenia programme to assist European tourism, which was proposed by the Commission nearly a year and a half ago.