Nuclear safety, Chernobyl: Community contribution to the EBRD for a shelter Fund

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By adopting the report of Gordon ADAM (PES, UK) on the Community contribution to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, the Committee confirmed that a multiannual indicative amount of ECU 100 million should be earmarked for the period 1998-2005. Part of this amount could be taken from the scheduled TACIS credits up to 1999. The Commission's proposal provided for the whole of the amount to be taken from the existing TACIS financial envelope for the 1998 and 1999 budgets. The Committee insists that it is up to the budgetary authority to set the annual funding in relation to the appropriations available for each financial year. The report calls upon the Commission, before entering any resources into the fund, to evaluate the situation of the contributions by donors other than the EU and only pay when other countries have fulfilled their contributions. The Commission is also called upon to present to the budgetary authority a progress report along with the preliminary draft budget.