Budgetary discipline

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The committee adopted the report by Ioannis AVEROFF (EPP-ED, GR) on the results of conciliation on the joint guideline of the Council with a view to the adoption of a Council regulation on budgetary discipline. At the budgetary conciliation meeting on 20 July 2000, the EP delegation and the Council had reached agreement on two amendments to be made to the text of the regulation on budgetary discipline. The first of these added a new recital (6a) aimed at ensuring that, in accordance with the provisions of the May 1999 Interinstitutional Agreement, Parliament would be involved in the decisions on the measures to control agricultural spending. The second amendment concerned Article 6, with the aim of ensuring that, when submitting the preliminary draft budget, the Commission should be required to supply both the EP and the Council with information by product on its forecasts and on actual expenditure for previous financial years. The report urged the plenary to endorse the two amendments and approve the outcome of the conciliation.