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The committee adopted by a very large majority the report by Jutta HAUG (PES, D) on the results of conciliation on the joint guideline of the Council with a view to the adoption of a Council Decision on the system of the European Communities' own resources. The report approved the outcome of the conciliation, under which the Council had accepted Parliament's idea that the Commission should confirm its intention to submit, before the end of 2004, a report reviewing the system of own resources in the light of future enlargement and the need for simplification. The report also recommended that Parliament should confirm its position, expressed in the vote of November 1999, on the reform of the own resources system. On that occasion, Parliament had adopted 30 amendments calling for profound, phased reform of the system, but these were not taken up by the Council.