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The committee adopted the report by Kyösti VIRRANKOSKI (ELDR, FIN) approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to just two amendments. It agreed with the Commission that a flexible approach was needed and that there should be a transfer from the main TACIS budget line B7-520 to finance this important action - which could contribute to the environmental safety of the EU - even if this meant circumventing the maximum ratio of funds that could be dedicated for nuclear safety according to the remarks under that line. The committee suggested, however, that if at the end of the financial year it turned out that some of the funds earmarked for nuclear safety in budget lines B7-524 or B7-525 could not be used, the Commission should propose to transfer them to line B7-520 to finance other activities under the main TACIS envelope. The other amendment stipulated that Parliament should be informed of all operations of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund that were financed by the Community.