

Development cooperation with South Africa

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The Commission's opinion on the European Parliament's amendments are as follows: - the first amendment which is accepted relates to the threshold for comitology. The Commission is willing to accept the sum of EUR 5 million as an acceptable compromise with which, in the light of programming discussions with South Africa, it can work satisfactorily, so as not to jeopardise the adoption of the Regulation, but insists that this position cannot be taken to set a precedent for the acceptance of low comitology thresholds; - the second amendment accepted by the Commission concerns the additional annual amount for South Africa on the grounds that this amount will be covered by a corresponding reduction of the allocation for "other development co-operation actions" in heading 4.