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The report by Mrs Edith MULLER (Green Group D) adopted by the committee calls for an interinstitutional agreement to complete the one concluded in July 1997 to improve the management and control of expenditure under the common foreign and security policy. This is the main thrust of the report. The committee bases its evaluation on report 1/97 of the Court of Auditors concerning expenditure under foreign policy. It notes that the policy is still decided at intergovernmental level and financed mainly from the Community budget. Despite progress achieved under the Amsterdam Treaty many improvements are necessary. A follow-up interinstitutional agreement would help to resolve questions of budgetary control and discharge thereby strengthening the role of the EP in terms of democratic control.