1999 discharge: 6th, 7th and 8th European Development Funds (EDF)

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The committee adopted the report by Heide RÜHLE (Greens/EFA, D) recommending that the discharge for the sixth, seventh and eighth European Development Funds (EDF) for 1999 be postponed. The report from the Commission's Internal Audit Service on administrative and/or disciplinary inquiries concerning delegation staff would probably not be completed until May 2001, and the committee said there was reason to assume that OLAF currently did not have the capacity to investigate cases of fraud in the EDF. The committee therefore wanted more time for further discussion and to evaluate the progress made by the Commission in this field.