Universal service in telecommunications: assessment criteria for national schemes for the costing and financing

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The Committee adopted the report by Mr W.G. van VELZEN (EPP, NL) on the Commission Communication setting out guidelines and critreia against which the Commission will examine national schemes for the costing and financing of universal service in telecommunications. While in principle supporting the Commission Communication, the Committee reaffirmed its position that this matter rather should be regulated through a directive at European level, not least because the legal status of the principles set out in the Communication is unclear.