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In adopting the report by Mrs Ludivina GARCIA ARIAS on the 25th annual report by the Commission on competition policy, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy formally reaffirmed the Commission's role as guardian of the Treaties and representative of the Union's general interest. In so doing, the committee 'rejected ... categorically the proposal made by the government of the Federal Republic of Germany to create an ad hoc body' which would be 'exempt from any ... democratic control'. As regards state aids, the Commission is asked to oblige the Member States to meet their obligations to give notice of any plans to grant and to prohibit the granting of any aid that is incompatible with the common market. The report also 'notes with concern the growing disparities between the central and peripheral regions as regards the increase in state aid to undertakings' (in rich regions) because this is 'a trend which is not in accordance with the goal of cohesion'.