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The committee adopted the report by Mr Werner LANGEN (EPP/ED, D) on the Commission report on the implementation in 1998 of the Steel Aid Code. Although it welcomed the Commission's report, the committee noted that not all aspects of steel aid were treated and called for clarification of whether the Steel Aid Code applies to all aids. The committee took issue with decisions to authorise aid for certain steel companies: of 27 decisions taken relating to specific companies, twelve concerned German steel firms. The committee therefore wanted to see a review of the existing Steel Aid Code to ensure fair treatment for all companies and called on the Commission to submit an amendment to that effect.