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The committee adopted the report by Pierre JONCKHEER (Greens/EFA, B) on the Commission's seventh survey on state aid in the manufacturing sector in the EU. While recognising that state aid can be compatible with the single market under certain conditions, the report called for drastic cuts in the level of illegal state aid and for the Commission to publish a 'scoreboard' showing the amount of state aid per Member State. It also called on the Commission to monitor closely the compliance of applicant countries with EU rules on state aid. The report considered that subsidies to the coal mining sector were high and expressed concern at the level of assistance to the motor industry.