Community policy on research and sustainable development

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The Committee adopted the report by MARSET CAMPOS (GUE, E). In the resolution it noted that the introduction, in an ill-considered manner, of an increasing number of technological innovations into the model for economic growth had a questionable effect from both a social and an environmental point of view. The Committee called for the transition to a sustainable development model. To this effect it was essential to construct a social pact which would take account of the social, scientific and technical aspects. The Sustainable Development model should be centred on energy efficiency, resources management based on cooperation and democratic participation, a tax system which takes account of environmental constraints, a more ecological industrial policy, an equitable transfer of technology to countries of the South, etc. RTD could help promote the transition to a sustainable development model by making it easier to understand the interconnection between social, political, economic and environmental mechanisms. The IGC should incorporate criteria for sustainable development in the revised Treaty on European Union. The Commission was called on to include the same criteria in the Fifth RTD Framework Programme.