Solid fuels: multiannual programme of technological actions for an efficient and clean use 1998-2002

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The Comittee adopted the report in the field of multiannual energy programmes:it is to do with the simplification and coordination of energy policy and is designed to establish priorities. The report by Gordon ADAM (PES, UK) dealt with the multiannual programme of technological actions promoting the clean and efficient use of solid fuels. The use of coal had adverse effects on human health and was a big contributor to CO2 discharges, said Mr Adam. In order to combat the negative effects of emissions it was increasingly important to develop and use Clean Coal Technology (CCT). An effective export strategy should be linked to the promotion of CCT within the EU and the CEECs. With the enlargement of the EU, the use of coal in electricity generation would become one of the major factors affecting European energy and environmental policy. Mr Adam welcomed the proposals on the CARNOT programme, the multiannual programme of technological actions promoting the clean and efficient use of solid fuels, but felt that the financial allocation in this sector should be increased from ECU 4.1 to 7.5 ECU million in order to ensure that actions could be adequately funded. This amendment was adopted, together with all the rapporteur's other amendments