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The Committee 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. According to the rapporteur (Mr VAN VELZEN), market monitoring and analyses were essential tools for formulating and developing a sound energy policy. The ETAP programme provided a framework for action in this field and aimed at identification, at European level, of the key issues concerning future energy demand and production. Specific focus was put on the energy strategy to adopt in the face of climate change, the dynamics of the internal electricity and gas markets and the growing energy dependency of the EU. Amendments were adopted to strengthen the analyses and monitoring of the liberalisation of the EU energy sector, in particular in the context of the internal energy market for electricity and natural gas, and on reinforcing analyses and monitoring concerning the security of energy supplies, notably in view of the growing external energy dependence of the EU.