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The Committee adopted, with Amendment 9, a draft report from the Council to the European Council on activities on drugs and drugs-related issues. The rapporteur was Hedy d'Ancona (PES, NL). The vote was 252 in favour and 188 against. Amendment 2 was rejected by 375 votes to 72. The aim of the report was to support the development of new and improved strategies as well as alternative policies, so that the EU can continue to respond flexibly and practically to developments in drug trafficking and consumption, in particular through greater cooperation among all the main organisations in the world involved in the fight against drugs. The rapporteur also recommended that the Commission and Council join forces in order to draw up a single document. This would give a clearer idea of European policy on drugs, in which a Commissioner should play a coordinating role and take responsibility for the issue.