Structural Funds: priorities for the adjustment of programmes to the end of 1999. Guidelines

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The Committee adopted the report by Richard Howitt (PES,UK) on the Commission guidelines on Priorities for the adjustment of Structural Funds programmes to the end of 1999. The report concentrates on analysing the role, function and operation of these guidelines and calls for the development of common measures in the key areas of employment, environmental impact and equal opportunities. The Committee recognises that the guidelines are most effective as an advisory tool, but is concerned that they appear to be a legally binding instrument in the draft structural fund general regulation.