Extension of PHARE programme to Croatia (amend. Regul. 3906/89/EEC)

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The report by Mr Jan Marinus WIERSMA was adopted. The rapporteur proposed extending the PHARE programme to include Croatia, which would be of great symbolic importance for that country. It was the best method of promoting political pluralism and the independence of the media. Mr WIERSMA tabled two amendments to the Commission's text that clarified the key principles of cooperation between the EU and the CEECs as laid down in the Europe Agreements. He thus highlighted their commitment to pluralist democracy, the principles of a market economy and social justice. The rapporteur believed that any resumption of the hostilities in Croatia should result in suspension or cancellation of the PHARE programme.