

EC/Poland Europe agreement: implementation for competition rules

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The REX Committee adopted the draft reports by Mr Willy DE CLERCQ and Mr Andr SAINJON (ARE, F). These two drafts outlined the position the Community should adopt in the Association Council under the association agreements between the EU and Poland on the one hand and the EU and Hungary on the other. With the adoption of this draft, the Association Council would be in a position to ensure that the EU and Poland (for the EU-Poland association agreement) and the EU and Hungary (for the EU-Hungary association agreement) implement a similar competition policy and provide state aid on the basis of identical fundamental principles. The Association Council's draft decision related, in particular, to the fundamental principles of the competition policy, the relevant authorities, consultation and information procedures and cooperation on administrative procedures. With regard to the report by Mr Willy DE CLERCQ, the REX Committee asked that the conciliation procedure be initiated if the Council intended to depart from the text approved by Parliament.