Extension of the PHARE programme to Bosnia and Herzegovina (amend. Regul. 3906/89/EEC)

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The Committee adopted the report by Mr Jan Marinus WIERSMA (PSE, NL) on the extension of economic aid to Bosnia-Herzegovina. The rapporteur was in favour of approving the Commission's proposal for the inclusion of Bosnia-Herzegovina in the PHARE programme. The rapporteur agreed with the Commission that Bosnia-Herzegovina should be included in the PHARE programme. A certain number of amendments were adopted which seek : - to grant Bosnia an amount not exceeding ECU 95 m for 1996 on the basis of a regulation applying until 01.12.96. The extension of this regulation will depend on a detailed inventory of the implementation of the peace plan. - the protection of human rights - the commitment to pluralist democracy - the protection of minorities (Amendment 1) - guaranteed control that these criteria are being respected, within the framework of the annual report on the implementation of the PHARE programme. This will provide for a suspension of the technical aid in the event that the beneficiary country fails to meet the criteria in question.