Reconstruction of the former Yugoslavia: European Union aid administration and international aid coordination

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The committee adopted unanimously the report drafted by Mr. TITLEY on EU aid administration and internal aid coordination in former Yugoslavia. According to the amended motion for a resolution, the European Parliament welcomes the first two donors' meetings on the reconstruction of Bosnia-Herzegovina. It further stresses the need for an equitable burden-sharing within the international community and for achieving practical results before the September elections. International assistance for reconstruction should benefit the entire people of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Parliament insists on the need for donors to select high-impact, high-visibility projects with high employment potential, which will favour inter-entity and inter-state cooperation. The proposed resolution emphasizes the need to speed up efforts for landmine clearance, as well as the importance of supporting institution strengthening, the respect of human rights and the rule of law, poverty alleviation, social integration and the reinvigoration of the local economy. The resolution calls for the immediate start of preparatory work for damage assessment and project identification in Croatia, so that implementation can take place as soon as the political conditions are fulfilled.