SYNERGY multiannual programme: promotion of international cooperation in energy sector. Reconsultation

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- OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a decision seeks to establish a multiannual programme to promote international cooperation in the formulation and elaboration of energy policy in non-member countries (SYNERGY programme). - SUBSTANCE: * The programme is to run for a period of 5 years (from 01.01.1996 to 31.12.2000) and seeks in particular: - to promote sustainable development, particularly by reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and pollution associated with energy consumption; - to improve security of energy supply; - to improve energy efficiency. * The SYNERGY programme is addressed at all non-member countries which are faced with energy problems: Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Mediterranean countries, Latin America and the ACP countries; * The cooperation measures will take the following form: - technical assistance and training aid; - conferences and seminars; - dissemination of information; - the delegation of European experts to third-country organisations; - energy studies; - support for international networks which examine and advise on energy policy matters; - support for energy centres in non-member countries. * The funding provided for under SYNERGY will be in the form of non-refundable aid and will cover the entire project in question or will be co-financed with another partnership. * The main themes of the programme are as follows: - to strengthen Europe's public image; - to support sustainable development in non-member countries; - to promote dialogue with energy producing countries; - to promote the reduction of the greenhouse effect and the emission of pollutants associated with energy consumption in all sectors; - to promote the interconnection of networks; - to promote energy programming in non-member countries; - to promote the integration of non-member countries. * The Commission will be assisted by an advisory committee comprising representatives of the Member States and chaired by a representative from the Commission.