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The Commission pointed out in its opinion on the Council's common position on this regulation that it was unable to accept the Council's text for the following reasons: - it did not accept the expiry date for the regulation introduced by the Council because it felt that it could send out the wrong political message to South Africa. At the same time, it pointed out that the Council alone was responsible for indicating the financial reference amount and that this did not affect the powers of the budgetary authority in any way; - as far as comitology was concerned (main reason for rejecting the common position), it rejected the regulatory committee introduced by the Council in lieu of the proposed management committee because the procedures involved were complex and could not but reduce the efficiency of cooperation activities implemented in South Africa.