

Co-financing operations with European non-governmental development organisations (NGOs) in fields of interest to the developing countries

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In adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mrs Marialiese FLEMMING (PPE, A), Parliament approved the Council's common position with the following amendments: - removal of the financial reference amount in the proposed document (ECU 10.6 million), - modification of the rate of overall assistance from the Community to NGOs: Parliament proposed a new rate of 60% instead of the 50% proposed by the Council in its common position, - addition of certain selection criteria to determine operations to receive financial aid: cooperation with organizations in Central and Eastern Europe, encouraging sound integration of education programmes on the environment, innovation, consolidating civil society and a greater say accorded to citizens. Moreover, Parliament stated that, in order to be able to apply for a grant in excess of ECU 100 000, the NGO should produce its accounts for the preceding two years, the current year and the year during which the grant-aided projects had been completed.