Research RTD: cooperation with the world's emerging countries

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In adopting the report by Mr Alain POMPIDOU (UPE, FR) Parliament called on the Commission, while maintaining the mechanisms intended specifically for assisting the developing countries, to envisage mechanisms for cooperation in the fields of advanced scientific and technological research that characterize the emerging economies. Such cooperation should be based on a partnership between research teams in the European Union and the third countries concerned with a view to the implementation of joint projects with a high value added. Parliament called on the Commission to negotiate bilateral agreements establishing a legal framework for the promotion of RTD cooperation on the basis of respect for trade union rights and human rights and that these agreements should be concluded in observance of the provisions on intellectual and industrial property applying in Community and international law. The Commission was also called on : - to support a programme for setting up databases of scientific publications accompanied by a distribution and notification system; - to launch a first programme of exchanges of researchers and engineers under the targeted cooperation agreements.