1994 discharge: follow-up. Report

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Parliament adopted the report by Mr Terence WYNN (PSE, UK) on action taken in response to the observations contained in the resolution accompanying the decision giving discharge in respect of the financial year 1994. In its resolution Parliament welcomed the Commission's decision to include in the balance sheet for 1996 a special heading showing the actual amounts owed following substantial errors detected by the Court of Auditors in the context of the Statement of Assurance (DAS). It asked for steps to be taken in all the cases referred to in Annex IV of the 1994 Statement of Assurance which were still pending, including measures against Member States failing to implement the rules concerned. It also asked the Commission to: - elaborate on its proposals aimed at more effective budgetary implementation in the agricultural sector, - submit proposals relating to the simplification of Community rules on agriculture, - ensure that time limits for payments in the Member States were properly applied. It reiterated its demand for the allocation of increased human and material resources to the monitoring of implementation of the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables and insisted that the Commission take the necessary steps to ensure that incompatibilities between Community and national rules were removed with regard to the Social Fund. It reiterated its call to the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal basis for subsidies to consumer organizations and also called once again for full audit access to be granted to the Court of Auditors in respect of the operations of the European Investment Fund (EIF). With regard to external aid, it noted that it had still not received the requested strategy paper on the role of the PHARE programme in the preparation of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe for accession and asked the Commission to draw up this report without delay. With regard to the TACIS programme, it asked for particular attention to be given to the dissemination of results of various projects in the recipient countries. It also asked that the Commission delegations to the countries of the former Soviet Union cover all the recipient countries of the TACIS programme.