Nuclear safety, Chernobyl: Community contribution to the EBRD for a shelter Fund

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In adopting the report by Mr Gordon ADAM (PSE, UK) on the construction of a protective shelter at Chernobyl, Parliament confirmed the entry of a multiannual indicative amount of ECU 100 million for the period 1998-2005, with only part of this contribution being taken from TACIS credits provided up to 1999 (and not the whole amount as put forward by the Commission). Parliament considered that it was for the budgetary authority to set the annual funding in relation to the appropriations available for each financial year. It called on the Commission, before entering any resources into the fund, to evaluate the situation of the contributions by donors other than the European Union and not to pay until other countries had fulfilled their contributions. The Commission was also asked to submit to the budgetary authority a report on the implementation of the fund with the preliminary draft general budget. Parliament also stressed that the Commission should ensure that Ukraine was preparing to decommission Chernobyl and close the facility completely by 2000. It also stated that the Community's contribution to the construction of the shelter did not mean that the Community assumed any liability whatever for any resulting damage.