Energy: organisation of cooperation around agreed Community objectives

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By adopting the report by Mr Ulrich STOCKMANN (PSE, D), the European Parliament rejected the change of legal basis proposed by its Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy. The amendments made to the proposal place the accent on increasing efficiency, on renewable energy sources and, where nuclear technologies are concerned, on safe techniques for final storage. The report also emphasizes the importance of integrated resource planning and calls for the development and rapid introduction of a taxation or incentive system commensurate with sustainable energy policy objectives. It similarly hopes for the harmonization of fiscal instruments relating to the environment. Parliament finally calls for the inclusion in the EU Treaty of a chapter devoted to energy, requiring commitments to energy efficiency, conservation of resources and preservation of the environment.