Genetic resources in agriculture: implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1467/94. Report

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In adopting the report by Mr Friedrich-Wilhelm GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF (Greens, D) Parliament considered that there was a need for a considerable increase in the financial endowment of Regulation 1476/94/EC and criticized the Commission's lack of willingness to assume the role of coordinator correctly with regard to the funding and staffing of the programme. Parliament stressed the need to improve the quality of the permanent inventory of collected resources so that in situ collections, animal resources and species of trees in particular might be better recorded and described and their specific qualities in respect of utilization better depicted. It considered that there was an urgent need to extend the programmes to the new applicant countries from the pre- accession phase. The Commission was called on to change the requirements to be satisfied by the promotion of projects on a cost-sharing basis and by concerted actions in such a way that account was taken not only of individual species but also of related groups of species and their specific environment. Parliament lastly called for an independent forum to be set up within the framework of the accompanying measures.