EC/South Africa relations: financial, technical and economic cooperation

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In adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mrs Maren GÜNTHER (PPE, D), Parliament approved the proposal for a Regulation subject to the following amendments: - with regard to programming, establishment of a multiannual programme following consultation with the National Development Agency, appropriate government departments, and operational partners (and not on the basis of a strategic document proposed by the Commission and examined by the 'South Africa Committee', on which the latter delivers an opinion in consensus with the Commission), - deletion of the date of expiry of the Regulation (31 December 1999) which was liable, according to the EP, to impose a constraint on South Africa and could send a misleading political signal to that country, - deletion of the financial amount of ECU 500 million for the implementation of this Regulation for the period 1996-1999, which was liable to diminish the power of Parliament as an arm of the budgetary authority, - authorization for the Commission's Head of Delegation in South Africa to grant appropriations for projects and operations financed under this Regulation, up to a maximum amount of ECU 500 000, - in relation to commitology, establishment of a management committee (type IIa) and not, as the Council would prefer, a regulatory committee (type IIIa) and provision for the EP's Committee on Development and Cooperation to attend the meetings of the committee as an observer.