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

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Adopting the report by Mrs Maren G·NTHER (PPE, D) on the proposal for a regulation on development cooperation with South Africa, the European Parliament stressed the need to improve the financial management of programmes and therefore proposed that the head of the Commission delegation in South Africa be authorized, under a procedure yet to be decided, to grant appropriations for projects and actions operations funded under the regulation up to a maximum ceiling of 500,000 ecus. Other amendments by Parliament called for: - locally-based organizations as well as non-governmental organizations to be able to obtain funding; - eligible projects to include the environment; - participation in invitations to tender (including supplies) to be opened to developing countries, particularly in southern Africa; - the implementation of projects to be decided on a multiannual basis following consultation with the National Development Agency, appropriate government departments and partners on the ground. As far as comitology is concerned, Parliament called for its Committee on Development and Cooperation to be allowed to attend meetings of the South Africa committee with observer status.