Fight against fraud: working programme 1996

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Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Rosemarie WEMHEUER (PSE, D) containing a series of proposals aimed at giving greater transparency to the Commission's successes and failures in its measures to combat fraud detrimental to the Community budget. By making the Annual Report more readable, clearly structured and comprehensible, a better evaluation of the results obtained should be possible. The proposed changes include: - the establishment of a chronological link between the Work Programme and the Annual Report; - the publication, in an annex to the Report, of important Council decisions and basic Commission documents with instructions on how to combat fraud; - a systematic analysis of the causes of fraud: it is important to determine whether, in the high-risk areas, the instruments used (subsidies, refunds, etc.) fulfil their real purpose or whether they should be replaced by other instruments which are more efficient and less open to fraud.