Culture programmes: participation of Latvia in the Community programme Raphael

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The European Parliament adopted without debate the report by Mrs Odile LEPERRE-VERRIER (ARE, F) on the participation of Latvia in a Community programme in the field of culture. Parliament adopted a number of changes which sought to stress the fundamental role of culture in bringing peoples together and the positive effects of cultural activity on the economic and social development and on the democratic functioning of applicant countries. It also mentioned that the cultural diversity of these countries needed to be respected, as did the minorities of which they are composed. Finally, it felt that the breakdown of appropriations to fund this action should be reported in section III, part B of the European Union budget. It also insisted on greater transparency in debates concerning the various programme committees with which Latvia should be more closely associated.