Cooperation with Eastern Europe and the CIS, energy and nuclear safety policy

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In adopting the report by Mr Gordon ADAM (PSE, UK) on East-West cooperation activities in energy and nuclear security, the European Parliament called for cooperation in the nuclear field to be subject to the nuclear safety standards laid down by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Third countries should also adhere to the Convention of Vienna and to the International Convention on Nuclear Safety, be signatories to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and have ratified the Espoo Convention. Each third country should also have its own independent statutory safety authority. Parliament called for a greater priority to be given to energy within the framework of the PHARE and TACIS programmes and stressed that Community financial aid should be entirely directed towards the safety of in-service reactors (including the Chernobyl sarcophagus). The report also called for the Energy Charter Treaty to be ratified and implemented as soon as possible by all signatories and urged the Commission to ensure that a social clause is incorporated in this Treaty. Finally, the report called for more concrete measures to help the coalfield areas of central Europe carry through the necessary restructuring projects.