Budgetary aspects of comitology

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Terence WYNN (PSE, UK) on the Commission's response to its request for information on comitology financed under budget lines A-2510 and A-2511. It started by welcoming the Commission's rapid response but noted the inconsistent quality of the reports on comitology. It therefore assumed that internal information within the Commission was patchy and not centralized, thereby hampering supervision of the activities of the committees and undermining the transparency demanded of the Commission in the implementation of its executive powers. It therefore called for the Commission to improve its internal procedures in this area for all executive committees and requested that the Commission forward the relevant comitology details to it (especially meeting dates, content of opinions and references to legislative texts). Parliament also recommended that a schedule of public meetings of the executive committees be drawn up and a regularly updated public register be introduced in which committee members could register their interests. Finally, it called for a statement to be inserted in the paragraph of the legislative proposal on comitology and the setting up of committees making these committees public meeting places (unless a specific decision is taken to the contrary) and calling on the committees to publish their agendas (two weeks in advance) and their minutes. It called for comparable information on committees not financed under lines A-2510 and A-2511 (mainly in the research sector). Finally, it called for: . the principles agreed in the modus vivendi on codecision procedures to be extended to all legislative procedures; . information to be transmitted promptly and therefore for the financial allocation provided for comitology to be entered in the reserve for the 1996 budget.