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In adopting the report of Mr Bernd POSSELT (PPE) on the economic and commercial aspects of the European association agreement between the EU and Slovenia, the European Parliament welcomed the fact that Slovenia had applied to accede to the Union on 10 June 1996, and was therefore placed in the first group of countries applying for accession. Parliament also welcomed the fact that Slovenia was prepared to tackle the problem of regional disparities and that it was attempting to reduce its unemployment rate. While urging the Slovenian Government to continue its policy of privatisation (if necessary with the support of Commission experts in company law), Parliament called on the Commission to provide financial support, in the border regions between Slovenia and the European Union, for restructuring projects which have been made necessary by the disappearance of typical border-region activities and to promote economic and cultural cooperation. The Commission, the Member States and the EIB were also called upon to provide sustainable support for the major infrastructure projects designed to connect Slovenia to the European Union, such as the Ljubljana to Venice motorway via Gorizia or Trieste, the Ljubljana-Trieste-Venice high-speed railway and the north-south motorway links. Lastly, Parliament welcomed the compromise arrangement between Italy and Slovenia and, recognizing the validity of the right of citizenship (and in particular the special status of native Italian and Hungarian communities), called on Slovenia to adopt even stronger measures to protect minority groups.