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Welcoming efforts by the European Commission to strengthen the procedures for planning, awarding contracts and managing the finances of the PHARE programme by introducing a series of measures such as compliance with the six month deadline between the commitment of funds and the signature of contracts, reallocating PHARE funds not utilized to horizontal aid, breaking certain contracts etc. and creating an independent evaluation unit within DG I A, the European Parliament called for: - from 1998: the financial management of certain sectors of the PHARE programme to be undertaken on a trial basis by the beneficiary countries with which accession negotiations have begun; - from 1999: a beneficiary country to at least be responsible for implementing its national PHARE programme, subject to ex-post control by the Commission; - from 1999: at least one Commission delegation in a PHARE country with which accession negotiations have begun to assume responsibility for the financial management of the national programme of that country; - recourse to restricted invitations to tender to be limited. ----- ACTUAL TEXT