Tourism sector: evaluation of the Community action plan 1993-1995

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In adopting the report by Mr Lyndon HARRISON (PSE, UK), on the evaluation of the Community Action Plan to Assist Tourism 1993-1995, Parliament recommended that the Intergovernmental Conference should provide the legal basis for tourism policy that is vital to enable it to be coordinated at European and national level. Believing that the European tourism industry is neglected and the protection of tourists needs to be improved, Parliament stressed that measures should be more geared to the private sector, particularly SMUs, in order to provide better opportunities for growth and job creation. It called in particular for the continuation of measures such as those to assist disabled persons or to compile statistics on European tourism. Finally, Parliament called for the introduction of pilot projects to remedy the holiday season congestion and for the stepping up of measures in policy areas such as staggering holidays, rural tourism, youth tourism, cultural tourism, incentive travel schemes, and tourism for the elderly.