Energy sector: multiannual framework programme 1998-2002

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In adopting the report by Mr W.G. VAN VELZEN (PPE, NL), the European Parliament amended the Commission's proposal on a Multiannual Framework Programme for actions in the energy sector. In its amendments Parliament called for: - the addition of a seventh specific programme concerning the introduction of a system to monitor the implementation by the Member States of the internal market in energy (electricity and gas Directives); - recognition of the key role of combined heat and power; - promoting a reduction in consumption of resources while improving the employment situation, particularly by fiscal means; - stepping up the support for energy already provided for under the enlargement process: better coordination of the PHARE and international energy cooperation (SYNERGY) programmes; opening up energy saving programmes (SAVE), renewable energy programmes (ALTENER) and solid fuel programmes to the applicant countries; stepping up cooperation with the EBRD, EIB and World Bank; - redoubling coordination with other Community policies (Structural Funds, environment and research); - insertion in the Treaties of a chapter devoted to energy, granting Parliament a right of codecision.