Narcotics and psychotropic drugs: substances used in the illicit manufacture of drugs

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In adopting the report by Mr Hubert PIRKER (PPE, A), the European Parliament approved the proposal by the Commission establishing a system to monitor substances used in the illicit manufacture of drugs. It recognised that it would be unrealistic to extend to all precursors the strict monitoring system applicable to the 22 classified substances, and accordingly advocated that voluntary cooperation be organised between the parties concerned (producers, distributors and authorities). It approved the Committee on Precursors which was to draw up two distinct lists: a list of unclassified substances known to be used frequently in illicit production and a list of those of these substances to which voluntary cooperation between authorities and operators should apply. However, to prevent drug producers from evading controls too easily, Parliament took the view that the public should not have access to these lists. It called on the Commission to report to Parliament annually on the results of the monitoring measures.