Follow-up of the annual report of the European Investment Bank EIB

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The European Parliament adopted the report drafted by Mr Alain LIPIETZ (Greens/EFA, F) which calls for the closer monitoring of the activities of the European investment Bank. The European Parliament calls on the EIB to: - carry out more in-depth research into the actual contribution by EU and EIB investment to regional and environmental development; - assign priority to the financing of trans-European networks, which are an essential infrastructure element in developing a market economy based on social cohesion; - invest more in the renewable energy sector and to make avoidance of CO2 emission a major factor in the choice of programmes to support; - concentrate its support for employment and new technology in the form of funding for infrastructure (information highways) and for the training of human capital; - to ensure that adequate risk capital is available for SMEs in all sectors which have problems attracting risk capital via the stock exchange; - make all information on the website available in all official languages of the European Union. MEPs also approved an amendment to the resolution which expresses the view that as a bank, the EIB should be subject to proper prudential banking supervision and the same prudential rules as commercial banks.