Recommendations to the Commission on negociations within the WTO framework on the built-in agenda

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The European Parliament adopted the own-initiative report by Mr Konrad SCHWAIGER (EPP/ED, D) containing its recommendations to the Commission on trade questions relating to agriculture, services, protection of intellectual property and institutional aspects. (Please refer to the previous text). Moreover, the Parliament noted that the scope of the negotiations on the protection of intellectual property under the 'Built-in Agenda', which is consists of several WTO agreements that were concluded as part of the Uruguay Round required fresh negotiations to be started by 2000 at the latest, is limited and apart from questions concerning protection of geographical indications for wines and spirits and extending protection to other agricultural products, only covers safeguards for plant varieties. It fully supports the move to extend such protection of geographical indications to other agricultural products.