

Civil protection: mechanism for the coordination of intervention in the event of emergencies

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Laura GONZALEZ ALVAREZ (EUL/NGL, E) concerning proposals to coordinate national action plans to deal with emergencies and disasters. The European Parliament points out that an important tool to achieve better prevention of environmental emergencies is environmental liability, based on the 'polluter pays' principle. The Commission should therefore propose a strict liability regime for environmental emergencies in the future Community legislation on environmental liability.