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The committee adopted the report by Dorette CORBEY (PES, NL) approving the proposal under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, subject to an amendment setting new deadlines by which the 10 new Member States must fulfil the targets for recovery and recycling of packaging waste. At the time when the proposal for the revised packaging directive was submitted to Parliament and the Council, accession negotiations with the 10 acceding states were ongoing and the proposal did not therefore contain specific deadlines for the new countries. However, those countries had given a signal during the conciliation procedure, in that they had made requests for temporary derogations to run up until certain dates, which were mentioned in Recital 6 of the revised packaging directive. Rather than the blanket deadline of 31 December 2012 for all the new Member States, the committee said that the Commission proposal should set differentiated deadlines as mentioned in Recital 6 of the revised directive, namely: not later than 31 December 2012 for Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia; 31 December 2013 for Malta; 31 December 2014 for Poland; and 31 December 2015 for Latvia.