Nuclear energy: Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia, implementation of the Protocol No 9 annexed to the Accession Act 2004

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia by 377 votes in favour to 222 against with 59 abstentions. (Please see the summary dated 26/09/2005.) Before the final vote Rebecca **HARMS** (Greens/EFA DE) withdrew her name from the report and asked Parliament to vote against the report because MEPs had voted to raise EU spending.

Parliament felt that the estimated costs of the early closure and decommissioning of the two units are higher than the basis used for the Commission's calculation. Therefore, Parliament wanted to raise EU appropriations from EUR 237 million as in the Commission's proposal to EUR 400 million for the period from 1.1.2007 to 31.12.2013**.** The additional amount of EUR 163 million should be made available by the European Union and especially to those Member States that will benefit from the closure of the nuclear power plant in the context of the annual budgetary procedure. Parliament also inserted a clause stating that the measures to be supported using Community budget will be defined in more detail by the Commission in 2006 after it receives the decommissioning plans comprising all the necessary information on decommissioning process from the Slovak authorities. On the basis of this plan the Commission will give its yearly approval to measures to be financed. The financial assistance from the Community budget should continue after 31.12.2013.