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OBJECTIVE: to strengthen the Community initiative on employment and human resources by adding a new strand entitled 'Employment-Inclusion', covering the planning period 1997-1999. **SUBSTANCE:** the new strand 'Employment-Inclusion' seeks to improve access to the labour market for economically and socially vulnerable groups (long-term unemployed, single parents, the homeless, itinerants, prisoners, substance abusers, etc.). Particular emphasis will be placed on measures dealing with the specific needs of migrants, ethnic minorities and refugees who are likely to be faced with greater discrimination on the labour market as a consequence of the rise in social tensions, racism and xenophobia. Special emphasis will be placed on actions targeted at disadvantaged urban areas, without precluding rural areas. All actions will be based on the principle of empowerment of the target groups and persons concerned, promoting their active participation in decision-making processes and offering structured pathways to inclusion. Similarly, efforts will be made to promote the involvement of actors such as public authorities, NGOs, cooperatives, associations, friendly societies and consumer organizations. With regard to the employment initiative, an additional allocation of ECU 300 million is proposed, of which ECU 100 million for Youthstart, ECU 100 million for Now and ECU 100 million for the new Employment-Inclusion strand. The total contribution from the Structural Funds for the period 1994-1999 is estimated at ECU 1.4 billion, of which ECU 0.8 billion will be allocated to Objective 1 regions. ?

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OBJECTIVE: integration into the Community initiative ADAPT (Adaptation of the Workforce to Industrial Change) of a further priority, ADAPT-BIS (Building the Information Society) covering the planning period 1997-1999. **SUBSTANCE:** it is proposed that the ADAPT initiative will also promote actions concerned with identifying and articulating a positive social policy framework for the information society. The ADAPT-BIS priorities will reinforce the transition into the information society by providing practical information to the key social, economic and political actors of its effects on employment. The actions will make it possible in particular: - to evaluate and anticipate labour market developments related to the emerging information society; - to develop strategies to help the labour force adapt to the new demands of the information society; - to develop and test policies and schemes which will support the adaptation of work organization and employment practices to the information society. The additional contribution of the Structural Funds to ADAPT-BIS for 1997-1999 is estimated at ECU 170 million. ?

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Mr Bartho PRONK saw his report adopted.

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In adopting the report by Mr Bartho PRONK (PPE), the European Parliament endorsed unreservedly the Commission's approach whereby measures to combat unemployment were to be considered a priority when allocating the reserve for Community Initiatives. It therefore supported the increase in the appropriations for the Initiatives "Employment" and "ADAPT". With regard to the development of human resources, the EP felt that the amounts allocated to each strand should be as follows: Employment-NOW - ECU 493 million; Employment-HORIZON - ECU 509 million; Employment YOUTHSTART - ECU 449 million; and Employment-INCLUSION, which was renamed Employment-INTEGRA - ECU 376 million. As regards "ADAPTBIS", the EP stressed the importance of developing more user-friendly technologies and software and promoting the "rapprochement" of the Information Society to potential users. Finally, Parliament called on the Member States and the leaders thereof to ensure that projects were formulated and implemented in strict respect of the principles for wide, participatory and democratic consultation of women's organisations as to the content and implementation of measures under the Initiative. ?