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	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	UPE POMPIDOU Alain	02/10/1996
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		
Council of the European Union	RELA External Economic Relations		28/01/1997
		PPE VALDIVIELSO DE CUÉ Jaime	
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		

Key events			
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Research RTD: cooperation with the world's emerging countries

OBJECTIVE: The Communication addresses the 'Emerging Economies' (such as China, India, Brazil, certain states of south-east Asia and Latin America) and proposes a new framework for RTD cooperation with these countries to meet the global challenge posed by their rapid industrialization. **SUBSTANCE:** The Communication recommends that the current 'problem-solving' approach of the INCO-DC programme (Scientific and Technical Cooperation with the developing countries), launched in 1995, be complemented by a new 'opportunity-oriented' cooperation initiative aimed at high-technology sectors conducive to the promotion of European innovation on the new markets. The Communication proposes an action plan designed to exploit the whole range of opportunities offered by the existing institutional framework. This involves: - promotion of the participation of emerging countries' research institutions in specific programmes under the Fourth Framework Programme; - the identification of a hard core of narrowly defined topics, where RTD cooperation is expected to have clear potential industrial spin-offs; - the launch of an information campaign and a scientist exchange programme as well as the organization of a series of targeted scientific workshops; - whenever it proves necessary, and in the framework of the external relations policy and its instruments (Framework Agreement and Joint Committee), the conclusion of a complementary Science and Technology cooperation agreement with an emerging economy. The execution of the above plan will result in the creation of a web of scientific partnerships in targeted areas. It will also lay down the bases necessary to foster further collaborative ventures on a larger scale.?

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The committee adopted the proposal for a resolution by 12 votes to 11 with 1 abstention. While approving the new strategic line defined in the Commission communication, which follows on from the recommendations contained in Parliament's report of 8 May 1996, the rapporteur, Mr Pompidou (UPE, F), insisted on the need for the Commission to envisage cooperation mechanisms based on proper partnership between research teams in the European Union and the third countries concerned with a view to implementing joint projects with a high added value in the field of scientific and technological research. He therefore regretted that the Commission had not taken a clearer stand on the transfer of Community funds and called for the costs incurred during the start-up phase to be divided and for scientific knowledge and technological know-how to be pooled. In addition, the draft resolution emphasized the importance of concluding special agreements setting out the legal framework for the cooperation in question and, where necessary, clarifying the sectors concerned. Finally, the text adopted urged the Commission to promote a first exchange programme of researchers and engineers, taking account of the fact that a large number of qualified researchers from emerging countries were already cooperating on a temporary basis with the scientific and technological community in the United States. This should act as an incentive to the European Union to take up the challenge and create a web of human and professional relations to spread the image of Europe in the third countries in question.?

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In adopting the report by Mr Alain POMPIDOU (UPE, FR) Parliament called on the Commission, while maintaining the mechanisms intended specifically for assisting the developing countries, to envisage mechanisms for cooperation in the fields of advanced scientific and technological research that characterize the emerging economies. Such cooperation should be based on a partnership between research teams in the European Union and the third countries concerned with a view to the implementation of joint projects with a high value added. Parliament called on the Commission to negotiate bilateral agreements establishing a legal framework for the promotion of RTD cooperation on the basis of respect for trade union rights and human rights and that these agreements should be concluded in observance of the provisions on intellectual and industrial property applying in Community and international law. The Commission was also called on: - to support a programme for setting up databases of scientific publications accompanied by a distribution and notification system; - to launch a first programme of exchanges of researchers and engineers under the targeted cooperation agreements. ?