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It was emphasised in the annual report on implementation of the Commission's external aid programmes in 2000 that reform of the management of EU external aid was under way and would begin to bear fruit in 2002.

The main objectives of this reform are to reduce the time lapse between commitments and payments and to decentralise responsibilities from the Commission to the Delegations in the beneficiary countries and territories.

In addition, the Commission's EuropeAid Agency has published its first Annual Report, which includes details of a reform process consisting in the establishment of a single agency with responsibility for managing the whole operational cycle of the EuropeAid projects and the granting of specific powers to the active Delegations, with a view to improving the Commission's overall capacity in managing programmes on a country-by-country basis.

In order to give greater visibility to the impact of aid on its beneficiaries, I should like to have a complete list for 1997-2001 of the associations and NGOs involved in EU external aid to the following countries: the Barcelona Process countries, Libya, Mauritania, Sudan, Nigeria, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Indonesia.