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SPECIFIC QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. One of main challenges the Union will face in the immediate future is the negotiation of an agreement on a new Financial Perspective as from 2007. The outgoing Commission already adopted a Communication outlining its proposals for the new financial framework. Do you think that the new Commission is bound by these proposals? What is your personal opinion on the proposals on the table ?
2. The draft Constitution has just been adopted. It involves some changes to the financial provisions of the Treaties currently in force. The draft Constitution formalizes current inter-institutional cooperation practices. What is your opinion on the changes introduced by the draft Constitution ? How do you see the role of the Commission in the new procedures foreseen by the draft Constitution ?
3. What are your ideas for improving the system of the Own Resources system ? The outgoing Commission proposed a generalised correction system for addressing budgetary imbalances. Do you support this approach ? The draft Constitution introduces a more flexible procedure for the implenting measures (EP consent procedure). What do you think these measures should cover ?
4. The application of the Financial Regulation has led to decision and implementation problems due to the rigidity of certain rules and an approach of the administration which consists of not taking a decision. Arising from this evolution is the nominee Commissioner ready to present a formal proposal for a revision of the Financial Regulation before spring 2005 in order to revise the regulation in the context of the discussion of a possible new Financial Perspective ?
5. Is the nominee Commissioner ready and willing with the same commitment and speed to present legislative and budgetary proposals initiated by Parliament's initiatives as it does in relation to Council initiatives ?