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Explanation of vote:

Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing. – I voted against this report because of its several flaws, starting with its approach to the nuclear issue. After the Japanese tragedy it is no longer possible to deal with the nuclear argument solely in terms of safety.

The title of the report is ‘on the lessons to be drawn for nuclear safety in Europe following the nuclear accident in Japan’, but there is no special lesson to be drawn except that confirming the practical impossibility of controlling both the risks and consequences of a major nuclear accident. A resolution on this subject cannot be centred around the issue of nuclear safety without addressing the most important nuclear safeguard, which is an exit strategy from nuclear energy itself.

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