

**Question for oral answer O-000172/2011  
to the Council**

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Subject: Closing the gap between anti-corruption law and reality

On 6 June 2011 the Commission adopted an anti-corruption package, which includes a communication on fighting corruption in the EU, a decision establishing an EU anti-corruption reporting mechanism, a report on the implementation of Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA on combating corruption in the private sector, and a report on the modalities of EU participation in the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption (GRECO).

Parliament welcomes the anti-corruption package, which addresses the high costs of corruption (estimated at EUR 120 billion annually), its distorting impact on the economy, competition and the internal market, and the public's firm expectation that the EU should take action to combat corruption (78%, Eurobarometer, December 2009).

1. How will the Council ensure that there is the necessary political commitment in each Member State to combating corruption and implementing the Commission's measures, given that this is currently lacking in some Member States?
2. How will the Council involve Parliament in these efforts?

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