

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1262/01  
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to the Commission

Subject: Proposed precious metals directive

Will the Commission categorically deny that it is putting any pressure on applicant countries to include the Commission's draft directive - Articles made of precious metals (gold, silver, platinum, palladium), harmonisation of essential requirements, COD930472 - in their *acquis communautaire* procedures?

What is the Commission's assessment of the latest state of play in respect of this draft directive?