

ORAL QUESTION O-0000/09
pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Climate change and developing countries in the context of the United Nations' Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen

From a development perspective, the post-2012 climate change agreement needs to be reconciled with the existing development processes at international level (e.g. MDGs) and at national level. What specific actions does the Council intend to take to ensure clear links between poverty reduction programmes and climate change policies and strategies in developing countries?

Most of the scarce resources for climate change come from ODA budgets, which has led to siphoning off funds from development assistance, thus jeopardizing the attainment of the MDGs. What new mechanisms would the Council adopt to raise additional resources to combat climate change in developing countries and to ensure that the European Development Fund is solely used for development assistance? What percentage of the expected revenues from the EU Emissions Trading Scheme auctioning is the Council ready to earmark for climate change adaptation in developing countries? What are the best mechanisms to channel these resources so that they promote ownership of recipient countries?

Adaptation resources at European level are channelled through a highly fragmented landscape, posing significant challenges for those tasked with implementation of the funding. How will the Commission and the Council promote coordination between the numerous financing instruments that exist at European level? What measures are foreseen to ensure that the GCCA becomes a clearing house for adaptation funding in developing countries, thus avoiding the creation of new EU bilateral initiatives?

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