

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2700/99

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to the Commission

Subject: Revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive 94/62/EC

Article 6(3)(b) of Directive 94/62/EC¹, adopted in 1994 after lengthy negotiations, reads:

'No later than six months before the end of the five-year phase referred to in paragraph 1(a) the Council shall, acting by qualified majority and on a proposal from the Commission, fix targets for the second five-year phase referred to in paragraph 1(c). This process shall be repeated every five years thereafter.'

Article 6(1)(c) reads:

'No later than 10 years from the date by which this Directive must be implemented in national law, a percentage of packaging waste will be recovered and recycled, which will have to be determined by the Council in accordance with paragraph 3(b) with a view to substantially increasing the targets mentioned in paragraph (a) and (b).'

Given this clear legal commitment by the Council and the EP to increase substantially the targets in a proposal to be published by the end of 1999 or early 2000, when will the Commission present its proposal for a revision of the Directive to the EP and the Council?

With more specific respect to the targets, will the Commission include a common objective for recycling and reuse?

¹ OJ L 365, 31.12.1994, p. 10.

