WRITTEN QUESTION E-2020/00 by Gerhard Hager (NI) to the Council

Subject: Progress with regard to the Corpus Juris

Concerning a proposal for a Council directive on combating fraud and forgeries in connection with non-cash transactions, the Commission has adopted a new approach to the harmonisation of the Member States' legal systems. The objective is no longer to achieve textual uniformity regarding the definition of criminal offences in all Member States but simply to achieve a precise definition of the result to be achieved in each of the Member States. The projected catalogue of European law has clearly been abandoned.

In view of this:

- 1. What progress has been made with the Corpus Juris project?
- 2. What have been the costs of this project?
- 3. Does the Council consider that there is any point in continuing with the project in view of the new regulatory approach referred to above?