WRITTEN QUESTION E-2216/00 by Jo Leinen (PSE) to the Commission

Subject: Formal investigation concerning planned factory outlet mall in Zweibrücken,

Saarland (Germany)

In September 1997 Helwin Peter MEP put a question (E-2966/97)¹ to the Commission asking if it intended to initiate a formal investigation into the planned factory outlet mall in Zweibrücken.

In his answer of 15 December 1998 to a further written question (E-3497/98)², Commissioner van Miert said that the Commission would address to the complainants (Europaverband der Selbständigen Bundesverband Deutschland e.V. – German branch of the European association of self-employed persons) a letter stating what further action the Commission would take.

No such letter has yet been received.

- 1. Is the matter ready for a decision?
- 2. If so, what decision has been taken?
- 3. When will the complainants receive a communication on the subject?

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¹ OJ C 134, 30.04.1998, p. 46

² OJ C 289, 11.10.1999, p. 53