

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1999/01

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to the Council

Subject: Expiry of the ECSC Treaty and coal aid

23 July 2002 is the date upon which the ECSC Treaty and Decision 3632/93/ECSC¹ (governing the authorisation of coal aid) will expire. In view of the urgent need for a new aid scheme to be adopted, the Council must already have drawn up a timetable for negotiations on this matter and have set priorities.

What is the Council's timetable for dealing with this matter?

¹ OJ L 329, 30.12.1993, p. 12.