WRITTEN QUESTION E-2042/01 by Gerhard Hager (NI) to the Commission

Subject: Amended proposal for a Council directive on the right to family reunification

In Article 3(2) of the amended proposal for a Council directive on the right to family reunification (COM(2000) 624 final<sup>1</sup>) various groups of third-country nationals are excluded from the scope of the proposal for a directive. Article 3(2)(b) of the proposal for a directive excludes third-country nationals who have been granted temporary protection in a Member State; Article 3(2)(c) excludes third-country nationals authorised to reside in a Member State on the basis of a subsidiary form of protection.

What difference does the Commission see between temporary protection in a Member State and subsidiary protection in a Member State?

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ C 62 E, 27.2.2001, p. 99.