WRITTEN QUESTION E-3248/01 by Maurizio Turco (NI) to the Commission

Subject: Outcome of the action in Afghanistan under Article 2(e) of the Council common position of 22 January 2001

On 22 January 2001 the Council adopted a common position on Afghanistan¹, Article 7 of which says that the Commission intends to direct its action towards achieving the objectives and the priorities of the common position; Article 2(e) of the common position says that in order to support the United Nations peace efforts, reaffirmed by UN General Assembly Resolution 203 A and B of 18 December 1998, the Union will continue 'to demand from the Taliban their commitment to the implementation of the Agreements signed with the UN on the safety and security of UN personnel'. What practical measures did the European Commission take before the events of 11 September to meet that objective?

¹ OJ L 21, 23.1.2001, p.1.