WRITTEN QUESTION E-1895/02 by Marjo Matikainen-Kallström (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Wind power and defence security

According to a Reuters report on 26 May 2002, the UK defence ministry halted a project for a planned wind farm in Britain because wind farms have been shown to damage air force radar activities. A similar claim was made earlier in Norway, inter alia. At the same time the Commission is arguing forcefully in favour of renewable energy sources, including wind power.

In the tense world situation following the events of 11 September, even greater stress is placed on the importance of security aspects. What measures does the Commission propose to take in order to take better account of security policy aspects when considering energy issues amongst others?

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