

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2213/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Support for Oxfam's "Make Trade Fair" campaign

On 11 April 2002 Oxfam launched its "Make Trade Fair" campaign. This is a campaign by which Oxfam is seeking to facilitate access to European markets for poorer countries.

One of its demands is for the foundation of a new institution which will promote distribution and prevent oversupply, in order to boost prices to a fair level and ensure that this pricing is not subverted by agreements.

This should be accompanied by guaranteed access to new technology, and in particular to basic medicines, partly through the democratisation of the WTO.

Hitherto the Commission has given Fair Trade activities a rather low priority.

I should therefore like to ask the Commission whether, and if so in what form, it is supporting or intends to support Oxfam's "Make Trade Fair" campaign, particularly in the context of ACP cooperation.