

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1676/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Value-added tax on repairs to listed places of worship

The United Kingdom Government has put forward a proposal that valued added tax should be reduced to 5% in respect of repairs to cover repairs to listed places of worship. In view of the architectural, cultural and environmental significance of church buildings, and of the heavy burdens their maintenance imposes upon congregations, will the Commission actively support this proposal before the Council? How soon can a decision on this matter be expected?