

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2251/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Charter for Children in Hospital

In 1988 a 'Charter for Children in Hospital' was drawn up in Leiden with the aim of making care services for children more human.

The 19 European countries which have to date acceded to the Charter, and which include Portugal, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland, jointly founded a 'European Association for Children in Hospital' which decided, at its 7th international conference held in Brussels in 2002, to propose associating the EU institutions in its discussions. Although this issue does not fall within the Community's sphere of competence, will the Commission indicate whether it intends to look into the matter, in particular by proposing that the Council adopt measures in line with the recommendations made in the Charter?