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to the Commission

Subject: Alternative and complimentary medicine

For some time, we have been witnessing a proliferation of associations and professional practitioners in the field of non-conventional medicine, calling for clarification and harmonisation of the regulatory framework for their activities and services within the EU.

- Given that 'charlatans', i.e. people passing themselves off as complimentary medical professionals, although they lack proper training, are proliferating, what action does the Commission plan to guarantee the health safety of those using these services?
- Given the great disparity between national legislations, does the Commission intend to harmonise legislation at Community level? How does the Commission guarantee the single market in this sector, as well as the right of freedom to provide services and freedom of establishment?
- What is the budgetary allocation, at European level, for alternative medicine?
- Which of the requests set out in European Parliament Resolution A4-0075/97<sup>1</sup> has the Commission actually implemented to date?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 182, 16.6.1997, p. 67.