

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3848/03
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to the Council

Subject: Delays in the adoption of the framework decision on the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography

At the end of 2000 the Council of the European Communities expedited a framework proposal on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography (COM(2000) 854 final/2 - 2001/0025(CNS)¹). The European Parliament adopted the relevant legislative resolution² for which I had the honour of being rapporteur, on 12 June 2001, fleshing out and clarifying certain points. In October 2002 a political agreement was reached in the Council, after which the text was forwarded to the working groups to clarify a number of points. Since then, despite the assurances and explanations received, the final adoption of the proposal by the Council has not yet been completed.

Will the Council say why the final adoption of the proposal and its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities have been delayed, thereby preventing the implementation of the timetable provided in the proposal for the harmonisation of the relevant penal provisions in the Member States?

¹ OJ C 62 E, 27.2.2001, p.327

² OJ C 53 E, 28.2.2002, p.114