

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3913/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Oil extraction agreement: granting of authorisations

Does the Commission consider that the Danish government's agreement with A.P Møller and the Dansk Undergrund Consortium on the conditions for oil extraction over the next 40 years in the North Sea meets the requirement that authorisations 'shall be granted on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory principles' (Article 13 of Directive 94/22/EC<sup>1</sup> on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospection, exploration and production of hydrocarbons)? If so, is it aware of any examples of comparable concession conditions?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 164, 30.06.1994, p. 3.