

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1214/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Croatia's application for accession to the European Union

Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee is currently drawing up a report 'containing a proposal for a European Parliament recommendation to the Council on the application by Croatia for accession to the European Union'.

As the Croatian President Stjepan Mesic confirmed in his speech in plenary on 26 February, Croatia is ready and willing to open accession negotiations with the European Union.

In the light of the enlargement of the European Union on 1 May 2004, the possible further enlargement in 2007, and the fact that Croatia is willing to take up the challenge of making the necessary reforms, what steps is the Commission taking to support the opening of accession negotiations with Croatia and to advise the Council towards that end?