

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1370/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: EU legislation on sea transport in European waters

Specific EU legislation on the transport of crude oil, comparable to that enacted in the USA following the Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska, would not merely have an effect on increasing the safety of sea transport in European waters, but could also have beneficial repercussions on the safety of international sea transport, with the ultimate result of bringing the IMO standards and its executive capacity into line with present circumstances.

Following the Prestige disaster, and everything that has followed, does the Commission intend to submit any initiatives to such an effect?