WRITTEN QUESTION E-3011/06 by Matteo Salvini (NI) to the Commission

Subject: Use of Objective 2 Community funding

This question relates to the use of Objective 2 Community funding (dossier 4/96) received by the City of Genoa, regional capital of Liguria.

By virtue of decisions Nos 2799 of 23 December 1995 and 1166 of 4 July 1996, Genoa City Council approved a project to demolish the buildings belonging to the large industrial complex that was formerly the 'Bocciardo' cokeworks, located in the Marassi district of Genoa.

Under the project, the area was to be converted into car parks and a green area, and it was to that end that the City of Genoa applied for the funding.

To date, however, only the car parks and a building given over to use as a fruit and vegetable market have been completed in the area in question, while the proposed public green area has been switched to another site nearby, where city residents are still waiting for the work to be carried out.

In the light of the above, could the Commission state:

- whether mechanisms and procedures for checking that Community funding is correctly used are being put into operation in the EU Member States;

- who is responsible for conducting those checks;

- whether penalties exist for persons who fail to abide by the agreements made at the time financial amounts are applied for?