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to the Commission

Subject: Anti-Semitism in Europe

According to an article by Paolo Tessandri which appeared in the Italian daily 'La Repubblica' on 11 October 2007, during an excursion to the Dachau concentration camp a group of Italian Nazi skinheads engaged in blatantly anti-Semitic acts, praising the Nazi regime and celebrating its crimes.

For many years now, groups inspired by Nazi ideology have been on the increase in various sectors of society and have even infiltrated politics.

All too often, the spread of these extremist groups has been played down, or even tolerated.

Does the Commission not think it should step up its efforts to prevent acts which are an explicit defence of Nazism?

What steps will it take to ensure that such groups are banned from all political and democratic activity in the European Union?