

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6029/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Mr Sarkozy's proposal to establish a 'committee of wise men' on the future of Europe

Addressing the European Parliament in Strasbourg last week, the French President, Mr Sarkozy, reiterated his idea of setting up a 'committee of wise men' with the remit of putting forward options for the European Union's future and defining Europe's purposes and goals.

France has made the establishment of such a 'committee of wise men' on the future of Europe a pre-condition of continuing negotiations on the EU enlargement process.

- What does the Commission think of the idea of the 'committee of wise men'?
- Does it not think that its own prerogatives would suffer from such a development?
- What would be the make-up of such a 'committee of wise men'?
- How should its mandate be established?
- Would this committee not be better to focus on institutional issues rather than the appropriateness of future enlargements?