

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3796/08
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to the Council

Subject: Aid for trade and trade-related assistance: review of the commitment made in 2005

At the ministerial meeting on trade in Hong Kong in 2005 the European Union committed itself to increasing its aid for trade benefiting the developing countries to € 2 billion a year with effect from 2010.

The Member States are supposed to contribute half of this amount (i.e. € 1 billion, with the Commission having committed itself to providing the other half).

Can the Council state how the Member States are doing so far in terms of meeting this commitment?

Can the Council indicate what means have been used or are being envisaged to ensure that this commitment will be met by the target date of 2010?