WRITTEN QUESTION E-4737/08 by Bill Newton Dunn (ALDE) to the Commission

Subject: Need to amend Annex 1 of the Habitats Directive

Is the Commission aware that under the Habitats Directive there is no equivalent designation to the Boreal zone's 'Fennoscandian wooded pastures' in other EU zones, despite wood pasture sites of equal Community interest existing in Atlantic and Continental Europe ?

Can the Commission outline whether it is prepared to amend Annex I of the Habitats Directive - to either extend the existing 9070 Fennoscandian wooded pasture definition to the Atlantic and Continental zones, or to include a new definition of wooded pastures for the Atlantic and Continental zone Member States?