

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0641/09

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to the Commission

Subject: Correctness of assumptions regarding a decline in the melting of polar ice

An article of 12 January 2009 published in Focus reports a decline in the melting of polar ice. The journal quotes the Arctic Climate Research Center of the University of Illinois, which, with the help of satellite observation of the polar region, has recorded the biggest increase in ice since measurements began.

According to the research, the worldwide situation is again the same as in 1979.

1. How does the Commission view these results?
2. What conclusions with regard to activities on the part of the Commission may be drawn from these results?