

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2268/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Problem of macro-waste in the oceans

According to the United Nations, every square kilometre of ocean contains 120 000 pieces of floating plastic. In some parts of our oceans, there is six times more plastic than plankton.

However, the European institutions do not always regard macro-waste as a form of pollution.

Does the Commission plan to put forward in the near future a legislative proposal recognising macro-waste as a genuine form of pollution in our oceans?