

**Question for written answer E-012395/2011
to the Commission**
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Subject: Consequences of the first summit of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum

On 15 November 2011 the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) - consisting of the world's leading gas producers - held its first summit in Doha.

The meeting participants unanimously acknowledged 'the need to reach a fair price for natural gas based on gas to oil/oil products prices indexation with the objective of an oil and gas price convergence, taking into account its advantages both in terms of energy efficiency and environmental premium' in the summit's declaration.

Does the Commission consider the GECF summit declaration a potential threat in response to Europe's endeavours for natural gas source diversification?

How could potential price coordination by the GECF countries impact on the European energy markets?

How could the Commission effectively defend European interests if GECF members introduced oil-indexed natural-gas pricing in a coordinated manner?