

ORAL QUESTION H-0550/00  
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2000  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: North Sea oil rig

The media have been focusing attention, and could hardly have been expected to do otherwise, on the oil rig that broke adrift in the North Sea with 77 people on board.

Leaving aside the alarm caused by the danger to the lives of the persons concerned, which would be sufficient reason in itself to take every form of action deemed necessary, what steps have been or will be taken to ensure that the risks of all kinds posed by such an incident, be it to life at sea, the environment, shipping, and so forth, will never occur again?

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