

ORAL QUESTION H-0783/00
for Question Time at the part-session in October I 2000
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Repairs being carried out in Gibraltar on a damaged UK nuclear submarine

The UK nuclear submarine *Tireless*, which suffered damage in the Mediterranean, was towed to Gibraltar where, three months after its arrival, it is now undergoing repairs. Neighbouring towns in Andalusia, which in recent months have received hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over Europe, have repeatedly expressed their alarm and indignation at the UK authorities' initial failure to provide information.

Quite apart from the anomaly of there being a British colony on the Iberian Peninsula, does the Commission think that the episode under consideration here should be dealt with on a purely bilateral basis between two EU Member States, or does it feel that it should play some role in the environmental, information, technical or purely political field?

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