ORAL QUESTION H-0878/00 for Question Time at the part-session in December 2000 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by María Avilés Perea to the Commission

Subject: Route of Madrid-Barcelona high-speed train

A complaint has been submitted to the Commission by the municipal authorities of Osera (Aragon, Spain), charging the Spanish government with infringing Community environment law and, specifically, Council Directive 92/43/EEC¹ of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora by including the Aguilar woodland in Osera de Ebro in the above-mentioned high-speed train route. Can the Commission state what penalties would be applicable to the Spanish government should it conclude by means of a decision that the law has indeed been breached?

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¹ OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7