

ORAL QUESTION H-0186/01
for Question Time at the part-session in March 2001
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: National Hydrological Plan

Over the last few days the Spanish media have reported on the visit made by the leader of the Aragon Regional Government to various EU Commissioners in order to express his opposition to Spain's National Hydrological Plan.

The Commissioner for the Environment, Mrs Wallström, has apparently stated that the NHP is not in line with the framework directive on water.

It is also reported that the Directorate-General for the Environment has begun to investigate the environmental issues raised by the NHP and that Mrs Wallström is to take some major decisions concerning the NHP.

The author of this question has no doubts regarding the high degree of professionalism and diligence displayed by the Directorate-General for the Environment or regarding its absolute independence and its strictly technical and legal approach to matters.

This fact should be made quite clear to the people of Spain since it relates to a matter of the utmost significance and importance, in respect of which the general public deserves to be accurately informed.

Has the Commission expressed any view to the effect that Spain's National Hydrological Plan contravenes the framework directive on water and what action (if any) does the Commission intend to take with regard to this Plan?

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