

ORAL QUESTION H-0187/01
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: Compatibility of functions

It was recently reported in the Spanish press ('El Pais' of 6 February 2001) that the federal executive committee of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party had privately requested Mr Domingo Jiménez Beltrán, director of the European Environment Agency, to draw up an alternative project to the national hydrological plan devised by the Spanish Government.

Is the Commission aware of this fact? Has Mr Jiménez Beltrán submitted the relevant request, pursuant to Article 12 of the Staff Regulations governing officials of the European Communities?

If so, could the Commission say when the request was lodged and what form it took? If no request has been submitted, will the Commission consider bringing proceedings against Mr Jiménez Beltrán for this irregularity?

Leaving aside legal considerations, does the Commission think that this request is compatible with the tasks and responsibilities assigned to the director of the European Environment Agency?

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