

ORAL QUESTION H-0383/01
for Question Time at the part-session in May 2001
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Is the Swedish Presidency in favour of introducing a tax on international financial transactions?

The Council must be aware of the widespread support for and growing popularity of the proposal to introduce a 'Tobin tax'. At a debate held in Stockholm by 'ATTAC Sweden' on Friday 23 March 2001, Mrs Lena Hjelm-Wallén, the Swedish Deputy Prime Minister, stated that she was in favour of the Tobin tax.

In the light of this statement, is the Presidency prepared to ask the Commission to carry out a feasibility study on the introduction of this tax, initially only at European level?

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