

ORAL QUESTION H-0521/01  
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2001  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Laeken Declaration

It is expected that during the Belgian Presidency the Laeken Declaration on the future of the EU will be adopted. A number of Member States, including Germany, Austria, Belgium and the UK, have established mechanisms for the participation of their regional or federal bodies in Council proceedings. Given that the autonomous regions of the Spanish state, the German and Austrian Länder and the Belgian regions possess significant powers of their own which are in many cases affected by Community decisions, does the Commission support the view that the regions could be directly represented in the Council?

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