

ORAL QUESTION H-0072/02

for Question Time at the part-session in March 2002
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by The Earl of Stockton
to the Council

Subject: Agriculture policy, structural funding and the enlargement process

In the light of the Commission's information note on financing agriculture and structural policy after EU enlargement, will the Council commit itself to the principle that all Member States, from the founding members of the European Communities to the most recent acceder, become equal and full members of the European Union from the moment that their accession treaty enters into force?

Will the Council further recognise that, whilst we expect all enlargement countries to implement the *acquis communautaire* before they accede, to deny new Member States the full benefits of membership immediately risks creating a two-class Union?

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