ORAL QUESTION H-0147/02 for Question Time at the part-session in March 2002 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Marianne Eriksson to the Council

Subject: Peace in Colombia - EU position

Following the breakdown of the peace process, Mr Picqué has made a number of statements to the effect that Plan Colombia is needed now more than ever. Was he speaking as EU President, as Spain's Foreign Minister or in a purely personal capacity?

Is the EU planning to give unconditional support to Mr Pastrana's government, which, together with paramilitary groups, is responsible for 80% of human-rights abuse in Colombia? Or is the EU intending to maintain a non-militarist stance which is conducive to peace and human rights?

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