

ORAL QUESTION H-0392/02

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pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Clean-up of nuclear waste in Russia

During a recent study trip to Murmansk in north-west Russia, I was able to note that nothing had been done to clean up and dispose of nuclear waste from nuclear submarines and ice-breakers since my last visit two years ago. More scrapped submarines than previously, with nuclear fuel still on board, are laid up in the Murmansk region. The clean-up of the Lepsa, a vessel used for transporting nuclear waste, which is partly EU-funded under an agreement signed in 2000, has not yet begun since Russia has failed to approve the MNEPR agreement, which regulates matters concerning responsibility.

Can the Commission step up the pressure on the Russian Government in Moscow to take responsibility for the nuclear waste and to sign the MNEPR agreement?

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