ORAL QUESTION H-0777/02 for Question Time at the part-session in December 2002 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Konstantinos Alyssandrakis to the Council

Subject: Repressive measures with a view to the Thessaloniki summit meeting in June 2003

A report in the newspaper 'Makedonia' has disclosed the content of a memorandum of cooperation between the Greek police and Europol entitled 'Security manual for European Councils and similar events', with a view to the Thessaloniki summit meeting in June 2003. According to the manual, surveillance will be carried out in order to draw up lists of suspects and people who will be prevented from entering Greece (by invoking Article 2.2 of the Schengen Agreement), under the supervision of a body consisting of representatives of the police forces of the 15 Member States.

Can the Council confirm the existence of such a manual and that extraordinary measures are to be taken with a view to the summit? Does it consider that the measures proposed are contrary to Community legislation and democratic rights, in particular the right of assembly and demonstration?

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