

ORAL QUESTION H-0799/02
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2002
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by Robert Atkins
to the Commission

Subject: The tanker 'Prestige'

Will the Commission make a statement about the origins, ownership and movements of the tanker 'Prestige' prior to the loss of the vessel in November 2002? Has it seen the letter from the United Kingdom Permanent Representation (19.11.2002) to the Director-General for Energy and Transport which rebuts in detail the claims of the Spanish Government that the Port Authority of Gibraltar failed in its maritime responsibilities as to Port State Control? Will it further press all Member State Governments to implement the provisions of the 'Erika Package' as a matter of urgency, particularly those relating to oil pollution liability?

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