

ORAL QUESTION H-0869/02

for Question Time at the part-session in January 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by Efstratios Korakas
to the Commission

Subject: Inflammatory and disastrous Commission decision concerning Olympic Airways

Under a Commission decision of 11 December 2002, Olympic Airways is required to return to the Greek Government 194 million euro illegally received as state aid. Taking into account that this fine will constitute the coup de grace for the Greek national airline, will the Commission reconsider its decision, which could be construed as direct intervention on behalf of Olympic Airways' competitors and, in any event, represents a severe blow to Olympic Airways - one of the safest airlines in the world - and its extremely important national and social role and provokes a justifiable reaction from the workers at risk of losing their jobs as well as from passengers, particularly those from the most remote areas and the islands?

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