ORAL QUESTION H-0882/02 for Question Time at the part-session in January 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Ioannis Patakis to the Council

Subject: Withdrawal of USA from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and threats to world peace

Following its unilateral decision to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, the USA has announced its decision to continue developing a national missile defence system until 2004, beginning with the stationing of missiles in Alaska.

What measures does the Council intend to take to put an end to this development which threatens world peace, especially since Member States of the EU, such as the UK and Denmark, have been asked to contribute to this programme, and the USA has already asked to use military bases and radar installations in these countries?

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