

ORAL QUESTION H-0077/03

for Question Time at the part-session in March 2003

pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mary Banotti

to the Commission

Subject:           Privatisation of water in Africa

While recognising the need to develop good water management in Africa and the need for major investment in order to end water wastage through seepage from badly-maintained or neglected reservoirs and catchment systems, what measures does the Commission intend to take to protect the poorest communities in Africa, who will not be able to afford to pay for safe, clean water for their basic needs, and how does the Commission intend to protect communities from water being considered simply a marketable commodity to be sold to the highest bidder?

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