ORAL QUESTION H-0126/03 for Question Time at the part-session in March 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Efstratios Korakas to the Commission

Subject: Severe problems faced by Palestinian students living and working in the Member States of the EU

Palestinians studying in the Member States of the EU are facing particularly severe problems in surviving as their grants dwindle, making their already difficult situation even worse, at the same time as they are unable to return to Palestine because of the situation in the Middle East and the constant attacks on Palestinian territory by the persecutive Israeli authorities.

Will the Commission take the necessary steps to enable these students to complete their studies by providing them directly with financial assistance and giving them the opportunity to work in the countries in which they are resident?

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