ORAL QUESTION H-0346/03 for Question Time at the part-session in June 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by John Cushnahan to the Council

Subject: Illegal immigration

As the Thessaloniki Council will discuss measures for fighting illegal immigration relating to the management of external borders, what specific plans will the Council consider to tackle this problem on Europe's maritime borders? Bearing in mind that European waters are also used for other forms of trafficking and have also experienced major environmental disasters, would the Council give consideration to commissioning a study on the feasibility of establishing an EU coastguard?

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