

ORAL QUESTION H-0375/03/rev.1
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Threat of environmental disaster from NATO military installations

According to reports in the press, NATO and the Greek Government intend to build military port installations for NATO on the Bay of Eleftheres, which will create further threats to the security of the country, involve it in potential conflicts and will cause irreparable damage to the environment. At the same time, there are plans to set up an 'energy centre' with reservoirs of liquid fuel in the vicinity of the coastal lagoon at Vasovas and at least three electricity generating units with a combined power of 1560 MW.

Does the Commission intend to take measures - in response to popular demand to scale down military installations and protect the environment of the region surrounding the town of Kavalla - to prevent the construction of the above installations? Will it also incorporate the National Park of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace and the Bay of Eleftheres in NATURA programmes (GR 11500010 and GR 1150009), as already proposed to it?

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