

ORAL QUESTION H-0659/03
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Sweden's participation in the third stage of EMU

It is well known that Sweden's voters recently rejected, by a large majority, Swedish participation in the third stage of EMU and replacement of the krona by the euro as the national currency. When commenting on this, the Commission has claimed that Sweden does not have the right not to introduce the euro and not to participate in the third stage of EMU. In the light of this, it would be useful if the Commission gave Parliament a precise explanation of its stance. Surely it is not the Commission's intention simply to ignore a democratic decision by Sweden's voters? Does the Commission propose to take reprisals against Swedish voters, or what is otherwise the intention?

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