

ORAL QUESTION H-0709/03
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: Risk of significant diminution of forest land in Greece

The Greek Government is preparing legislation which will result in a significant diminution of forest land and common land, the former being declassified and the latter placed in the hands of land-grabbers and racketeers, resulting in even more irresponsible land management policy. The continual disappearance of land under concrete will have a particularly serious environmental impact on major urban centres and islands. Significantly this measure is being introduced before the completion of the national land register, allowing encroachment on large areas of land and the enrichment of those shrewd enough to turn this situation to their advantage.

Is the Commission aware of the above initiatives? Does it consider them to be in accordance with Community forest and environmental protection legislation and if not what action does it intend to take?

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