ORAL QUESTION H-0713/03 for Question Time at the part-session in November 2003 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Antonios Trakatellis to the Council

Subject: Elections in occupied Cyprus and mass granting of nationality

The self-styled 'state' of Mr Denktash has granted 'nationality' en masse in occupied Cyprus to more than 54 000 settlers - and the number appears to be increasing - ahead of the elections in December. What is the Council's position on this matter and what measures does it consider appropriate to avoid a situation which would undermine the legitimacy of the forthcoming elections, the outcome of which will have a significant impact on the integration of that part of the island where it is currently not possible to implement the acquis communautaire?

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