

ORAL QUESTION H-0798/03
for Question Time at the part-session in January 2004
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by Robert Goodwill
to the Commission

Subject: Obsolete pesticides

The huge problem of obsolete pesticides in the Ukraine affects health and the environment, and more than 20 000 tonnes spread all over the country at at least 5000 locations need to be tackled urgently.

On the basis of the EU Parliament resolution of 23 October on the draft general budget of the EU for the financial year 2004, where paragraph 74 notes the dangers to the environment from POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) and in particular obsolete pesticides, and urges the Commission to make the extra effort needed to find sufficient financial funds under the existing instruments for their elimination in Ukraine, is the Commission able to take steps which will lead to an appropriate solution?

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