ORAL QUESTION H-0014/04 for Question Time at the part-session in February 2004 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Jacques Poos to the Commission

Subject: Extending pan-European cumulative rules on origin to Israel, against the background of the fraudulent application of the EU-Israel Association Agreement

Has the Commission formally informed Israel that it was in no position to amend the EU-Israel protocol with a view to extending pan-European cumulative rules of origin to that country, as long as the recurrent issue of Israel's application of the protocol on origins remains unresolved? Has the Commission informed Israel that for the same reason, it is equally impossible to introduce arrangements on cumulative rules to the 'qualified industrial zones' in the EU-Jordan and EU-Israel agreements? Is the Commission aware that the building of the 'wall of separation', which has sliced large areas off the occupied Palestinian territories, has further worsened the problem in question?

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