ORAL QUESTION H-0016/04/rev.1 for Question Time at the part-session in February 2004 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Juan Ferrández Lezaun to the Commission

Subject: River Ebro diversion project

At the end of December 2003, the Spanish Government submitted an application for funding for the project to divert water from the River Ebro to Spain's eastern seaboard. Is the Commission aware that on 14 January 2004, Elvira Rodriguez, the Spanish Minister for the Environment, announced that work on the project would begin in February 2004? What is the Commission's opinion on that decision and what stance will it adopt with respect to it, bearing in mind that it has not taken any decision as regards the viability of the project?

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