

ORAL QUESTION H-0055/04
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2004
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Disastrous development at the sacred site of the Acropolis in Athens

The new Acropolis Museum is to be built on an archaeological site. The survey of the site has not been completed, published or assessed and legal proceedings brought by scientific bodies and private individuals are now pending. Recently, a majority of the Hellenic Parliament passed a law issuing a building permit, without any form of scrutiny. The building may be erected immediately without carrying out essential checks on stability, fire safety and compliance with construction and other regulations, even though it will house some unique specimens of the world's cultural heritage.

In view of the fact that the project is cofinanced under the 3rd CSF, what measures will the Commission take to prevent this act of cultural vandalism and to ensure that the archaeological site is restored and developed?

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