

ORAL QUESTION H-0106/04  
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pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Council

Subject: Piracy and counterfeiting

Piracy and counterfeiting represent a major concern for the European creative sector. Europe cannot become the most competitive knowledge-based economy in the world if its cultural industries are plagued with piracy. Piracy is a serious threat for the development of sustainable digital services in Europe. The creation, production and distribution of digital content is key to stimulating the development and diffusion of digital networks. The improvement of the information society depends on the widespread availability of quality content in digital format.

In view of the next Spring European Council, the need to fight against piracy should be highlighted as a priority in the implementation of the Lisbon agenda. Will the Council undertake to include a clear and strong statement condemning piracy and counterfeiting as part of the Summit's official conclusions?

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