ORAL QUESTION H-0140/04 for Question Time at the part-session in April 2004 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Ewa Hedkvist Petersen to the Commission

Subject: Rules on State aid to sparsely populated regions in Northern Europe

For sparsely populated regions in Northern Europe which are remote from large markets, the EU's competition policy is very important to their competitiveness - together with cohesion policy. According to the Third Cohesion Report, the Commission is now reviewing the rules on State aid. Will this review result in State aid rules which make it easier for sparsely populated regions in Northern Europe to compete on fair terms?

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