

ORAL QUESTION H-0481/04  
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2004  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Proposed reduction of the CFSP budget in 2005

The Commission's initial proposals for the CFSP 2005 budget envisage a reduction of EUR 7 million compared with 2004. Does not such an approach by the Commission create confusion, given the EU's stated need to strengthen its CFSP?

Conflict prevention, crisis-management, possible operations in Iraq, Sudan and Congo, the fight against terrorism and the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction are amongst the declared political goals of the EU. In order to fulfil the EU's political commitments, will not adequate financial resources become necessary next year and not at some time in the future?

Does the Commission consider that the amount of the 2005 budget allocated for CFSP development and peace-keeping operations is sufficient?

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