

ORAL QUESTION H-0777/05
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2005
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Framework decision on the retention of data (CNS/2004/0813)

The Council is moving ahead with the process of adopting the framework decision on the retention of data despite the reactions of Parliament concerning the legal basis and the lack of proportionality between the ends and the means, those of human rights organisations concerning respect for civil liberties and those of industry concerning the high cost. Does the Council share the views of officials that 'the cost is not a political problem'? How will it safeguard human rights and deal with constitutional obstacles in various Member States to the general implementation of such a framework decision? What are the Council's views on UK Ministers' objections that a Europe-wide system is unnecessary as the need for security can be better served through 25 national systems?

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