ORAL QUESTION H-0183/06 for Question Time at the part-session in March 2006 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Antonio López-Istúriz White to the Commission

Subject: Cooperation in the transport sector and specific measures for island regions

At a recent meeting in Marrakesh the Transport Ministers from the EU and the neighbouring countries around the Mediterranean agreed to cooperate more extensively in the transport sector (including travel by air and sea).

Will the Commission explain what benefits will accrue to the parts of the EU which are closest to the countries in the Mediterranean basin?

Will the Commission explain whether the more extensive cooperation referred to above includes any specific measures for EU regions in the area which are insular in nature - such as the Balearic Islands?

Lastly, does the Commission expect that the increase in cooperation with regard to transport by air and sea will have a positive impact on the tourist industry?

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