ORAL QUESTION H-0237/06 for Question Time at the part-session in April 2006 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Stanisław Jałowiecki to the Council

Subject: Implementation of TEN-T projects

Attaining the goals of the Lisbon Strategy will not be possible without efficient European transport networks. The 1994 Essen summit and subsequently Commission decisions 1692/96/EC¹ and 884/2004/EC² and the report of the high-level group chaired by Karel Van Miert laid down Community guidelines for the TEN-T and identified 30 priority projects.

It is a matter of great concern that the project Railway axis 23 - Gdansk-Warsaw-Brno/Bratislava-Venice, which is of strategic importance for the social and economic development of central Europe, has been omitted from the Commission proposal appointing coordinators for 6 of the 30 trans-European network transport projects.

Will the Austrian Presidency give priority importance to this project linking countries on the Baltic with central Europe? What progress has been made in implementing this project? How will it be financed?

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¹ OJ L 228, 9.9.1996, p. 1

² OJ L 167, 30.4.2004, p. 1