

ORAL QUESTION H-0501/06
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to the Council

Subject: European forestry strategy

Bearing in mind Articles 2 and 6 of the EC Treaty, which stipulate that environmental protection is to be considered a horizontal objective, Regulation (EC) No 2152/2003¹ concerning monitoring of forests and environmental interactions in the Community, the Commission communication on a forestry strategy for the European Union (COM(1998)0649 final) and the European Parliament's resolutions on natural disasters - regional aspects (2005/2193(INI)), environmental aspects (2005/2192(INI)) and agricultural aspects (2005/2195(INI)), and given that, according to United Nations figures, natural disasters in the European Union have claimed the lives of 65 000 people since 1980 and have had an economic cost amounting to EUR 124 200 million, what action has the Austrian Presidency taken to safeguard the sustainability of European forests?

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¹ OJ L 324, 11.12.2003, p. 1.