

ORAL QUESTION H-0430/07  
for Question Time at the part-session in June 2007  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: European constitution

In 2005, in a referendum - and hence by a collective decision taken in a manner as close as possible to the ideal of direct democracy - the citizens of France and the Netherlands rejected the Treaty establishing a European constitution. This treaty aims to reduce the sovereignty of the Member States, particularly the smaller ones. The citizens of the countries in question are fully aware of that and their decisions must be respected. Why then are politicians paying so little heed to decisions taken by nations with a population of millions and persisting in their efforts to force through an unwanted treaty? What has been the cost of these efforts so far and what amounts have been set aside for continuing this work? Would these resources not be better spent on other socially important objectives?

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