

ORAL QUESTION H-0987/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Budgetisation of the EDF

At present, aid granted to ACP countries by the EU comes from two different sources: the Community budget and the European Development Fund. For the part which falls outside the budget, cooperation with the ACP countries is therefore not entirely subject to public scrutiny by the European Parliament, thus excluding it from one of the most important decision-making procedures of the Union. If aid to ACP countries were incorporated into the EU budget, this would enhance the legitimacy of this aid. It would also make it possible to ensure genuine transparency and greater efficiency, which is a major concern in development cooperation.

What stage has been reached with the Commission proposal to incorporate into the EU budget aid to ACP countries under the EDF and what initiatives does the Commission intend to take to make this incorporation of the EDF into the general Community budget a reality?

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