ORAL QUESTION H-0393/08 for Question Time at the part-session in June 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Margarita Starkevičiūtė to the Commission

Subject: Relocation of hazardous materials recycling and waste processing production

The fragile environment of the Baltic Sea coast is now being threatened by a number of hazardous material and waste processing plants relocating from the old EU Member States to Lithuania. It should be noted, however, that environmentally friendly production did not experience such a trend. The lower costs of production in Lithuania therefore appear to be an insufficient justification for the process.

Would the Commission agree that EU regulations can be seen as encouraging the relocation of this type of enterprise? Has the Commission carried out any analysis on concentration and relocation of this kind of production? What are the factors influencing it?

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