ORAL QUESTION H-0609/08 for Question Time at the part-session in September I 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Leopold Józef Rutowicz to the Commission

Subject: Aid to poor countries

Has any research been done into the effectiveness of the aid provided by the EU to poor countries?

From the evidence I have examined on the subject - and excluding humanitarian aid - it seems that in most cases beneficiary countries have recorded scarcely any growth in GDP that might confirm the effectiveness of such aid, which runs into billions of euros of taxpayers' money?

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