

ORAL QUESTION H-0711/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Eoin Ryan  
to the Council

Subject: Food security in an unequal partnership

As the EU pledges to continue to introduce initiatives to ensure security of food supply to the developing world, what is the Council doing about developing world allegations that the EU is exploiting an unequal partnership, firstly through the negotiation of trade deals that are, in the words of the UN Economic Commission for Africa, 'not sufficiently inclusive' and 'lacking in transparency' and that allow the EU to benefit from the African countries' lack of capacity to handle legal complexities and secondly by securing European food supply at the expense of, among others, West African fisheries?

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