

ORAL QUESTION H-0846/08
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: More marine accidents in the Bay of Gibraltar: environmental implications

On 11 and 12 October there were two more marine accidents in the Bay of Gibraltar involving ships flying the Liberian flag – the *Fedra* and the *Tawe*; their environmental consequences have yet to be determined. These accidents follow on from the three which occurred in 2007 – involving the *Samotakis* (in January), the *Sierra Nava* (in February), and the *New Flame*; the upshot is that the Bay of Gibraltar has become the EU coastal area exposed to the most serious chronic risk of environmental disaster.

Have the Spanish or British authorities informed the Commission about this situation?

Have the authorities concerned asked the European Maritime Safety Agency to assist with pollution abatement?

Does the Commission have any initiative in mind to make the proper authorities implement some form of plan to prevent further repetition of incidents of this sort?

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