

ORAL QUESTION H-0250/09  
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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Council

Subject: Cooperation in the field of accidental or deliberate marine pollution

When it comes to shaping and implementing EU responses to the issue of sea-dumped chemical weapons, how does the Council assess and utilise the existing international documents and arrangements including the London Convention of 1972 and its Protocol of 1996 prohibiting disposal of chemical and biological agents, the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (the OSPAR Convention), the work of the Helsinki Commission and the decision of the European Parliament and of the Council (Article 2 (b), Decision 2850/2000/EC<sup>1</sup>) in setting up the Community framework for cooperation in the field of accidental or deliberate marine pollution?

How could the Council support the promotion of cooperative activities with governments and the relevant international organisations and interested partners with a view to improving their capabilities for response in the case of incidents with sea-dumped chemical weapons in various parts of the world, as well as national and international responses to them?

How will the Council promote cooperation between the Baltic Sea States in exchanging and furthering the experience of those states in dealing with chemical weapons dumped in the Baltic Sea?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 332, 28.12.2000, p. 1.