

ORAL QUESTION O-0023/00

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Council

Subject: EURODAC

The European Parliament was consulted on a proposal for a regulation concerning the establishment of 'Eurodac' and delivered its opinion on 18 November 1999.

This proposal for a regulation was submitted on the basis of the Treaty of Amsterdam, following the Draft Council Act concerning the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of the fingerprints of applicants for asylum, on which the European Parliament delivered its opinion on 18 January 1998, and the Draft Protocol aiming to extend 'Eurodac' to illegal immigrants, which it rejected on 13 April 1999.

The Council informed Parliament that it opposed all the European Parliament's amendments and requested the Commission to submit a fresh proposal.

Can the Council indicate what attitude it intends to adopt towards Parliament's position, especially with regard to the minimum age, monitoring by Parliament and the courts, safeguarding of privacy and, more generally, the extent to which the system is applied?

Does it intend to limit the application of 'Eurodac' strictly to the scope of the Dublin Convention?

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