

ORAL QUESTION O-0031/00

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: Action by the Commission to combat desertification

In view of the fact that desertification is one of the problems which adversely affect the environment, has the Commission any plans to introduce (in addition to existing selective aid programmes such as INTERREG) a comprehensive policy for the protection of arid and semi-arid areas and to carry out research into the impact which certain EU laws may have on desert areas or areas at risk from desertification?

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