

ORAL QUESTION O-0101/00

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by Giorgio Napolitano, on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs
to the Council

Subject: Article 158 of the EC Treaty concerning island status

There are significant discrepancies between the various language versions of the second paragraph of Article 158 of the EC Treaty concerning the treatment of islands within the context of economic and social cohesion. The problem is not merely a linguistic one, since some versions of the Treaty refer to the 'least favoured islands' while others refer simply to 'islands'.

What does the Council plan to do to solve this problem? Does it intend to put the issue before the current Intergovernmental Conference in order to ensure that Article 158 is consistent with Declaration 30 on island regions annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam?

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