ORAL QUESTION O-0132/00 pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure by Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza, on behalf of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy to the Council

Subject: The Council's position on the revision of Articles 133 and 300 TEC at the IGC

Can the Council explain the current position in the IGC discussion on revision of Article 133 TEC on the common commercial policy and Article 300 TEC on the conclusion of international agreements by the EC in the light of respective proposals made by the European Parliament which would provide for the inclusion of services, investment and intellectual property rights in the common commercial policy, the codecision procedure on any internal legislation based on Article 133 TEC and parliamentary assent for the conclusion of any important international trade agreement?

Can the Council explain why no representative of the Council has been prepared to discuss these questions with the competent committee of the European Parliament?

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