

ORAL QUESTION O-0098/01

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to the Council

Subject: Closing down tax havens and imposing taxes on currency transactions

People in the world have started to understand that in order to achieve global stability we must increase citizens' social, economic, cultural and political rights. Equality and democracy are also antidotes to violence and terrorism.

Taxation is an important factor when increasing the power of individual countries to augment social justice and stability. This is true both within countries and between them.

For example tax havens are widely used to avoid taxes. In addition, money laundering can play an important role in organised crime and terrorism.

Does the Council therefore plan to start a process in order:

- to impose taxes on currency transactions to slow down speculation and raise revenues in favour of health, educational, social and environmental programmes in the developing countries?
- to press ahead the negotiations with third countries in order to lift banking secrecy and close down tax havens and to take initiatives within the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in order to enlarge its mandate and enforce sanctions vis-à-vis the 'non-cooperative' countries?

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