ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0019/03

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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Subject: Staff reform

In the decision which it adopted on 19 March 2003 (8456/02 STAT 18 FIN 158 dated 17 March 2003), the Council called for the final package of the reform of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities to include a change to the pensions scheme and, with that in mind, asked the European Commission to submit a detailed document by April 2003. Since pensions were not included in the Commission proposal, Parliament must be given the opportunity to take a formal decision thereon.

Will the Commission please indicate:

- whether it accepts the Council proposal that a package relating to the pensions scheme should be incorporated into the reform of the Staff Regulations,
- whether it will submit the document requested by the Council within the deadline laid down, and
- whether it intends to submit the said document formally to the European Parliament so that Parliament may deliver an opinion thereon?

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