

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0005/04

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Council

Subject: Anti-personnel landmines; EU preparation of Ottawa Treaty Review conference and strategies to involve non-state actors with aid of NGOs

How are the Council and the EU Member States concretely preparing for the First Review Conference of the 'Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction' (the Ottawa Treaty) which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, 29 November-3 December 2004? Can the Council confirm that the role of the EU will be prominent in this review conference? What concrete measures is the Council undertaking to convince those states which are not yet party to the Ottawa Treaty that they should accede? Does this strategy include non-state actors?

What is the Council going to undertake to support the activities of specialised non-governmental organisations which are open to engage themselves to work with rebel groups/non state actors to convince them to respect international standards which forbid the use of anti-personnel landmines?

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