

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0007/04

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by Paolo Costa, on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism  
to the Council

Subject: Failure to consult Parliament in connection with the TEN Quick Start projects

On 11 November 2003, at the request of the October 2003 European Council, the Commission submitted a report on the 'European Growth Initiative' which includes a 'Quick Start Programme of actions to be taken within the priority projects listed in the guidelines for the Trans European Transport Network.

Could the Council inform Parliament of the nature and status of the Commission's Communication?

Does the Council agree with the Commission's contention that the Commission's Communication to the European Council is not a legally binding instrument and that therefore Parliament should not take it into consideration in the context of the current legislative procedure concerning the revision of the guidelines for the Trans European Network?

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