

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0003/05
pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: EU relations with the Mediterranean region

The European Council of 4 and 5 November 2004 decided to extend to 2006 the implementation of the EU Joint Strategy for the Mediterranean region, adopted in June 2000.

What measures and resources can the Council provide to stimulate and support this policy and achieve its objectives, and, at the same time, revitalise the Barcelona Process and preserve and strengthen its spirit and apply 'neighbourhood' policy?

Ten years after the Barcelona Declaration, does the Council think that the time has come to establish a global strategy to provide the Euro-Mediterranean partnership with a quasi-institutional framework, and to this end, to bring together the region's Heads of State?

What initiatives does the Council plan in the field of security and cooperation with the Mediterranean partner countries to consolidate a climate of confidence and dialogue in the face of the challenges shared by both parties, including the fight against terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, respect for human rights, and the promotion of democracy?

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