

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0004/05  
pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Philippe Morillon, on behalf of the ALDE Group  
to the Commission

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 Commission 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 Commission 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?

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