ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0016/05

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure by Mechtild Rothe, Reino Paasilinna and Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group to the Commission

Subject: Alternative forms of energy

Is the European Commission ready to negotiate with the oil companies active in the European Union area a voluntary agreement, to spend a part of the 'windfall profits' due to the rising oil price on research into and development of alternative forms of energy?

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