ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0033/05

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

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Subject: The Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015

On 2 February 2005, in Sofia, eight European Heads of State or Government launched the 'Decade of Roma inclusion 2005-2015'. They pledged to work towards the elimination of discrimination against Roma and towards closing the unacceptable gaps between Roma and the remainder of society.

How does the Commission intend to contribute to the attainment of the aims of this undertaking? Is the Commission prepared to report regularly on the progress of the integration of Roma into European society?

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