ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0027/09 pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure by Johannes Blokland, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety to the Council

Subject: Negotiations taking place in May 2009 under the auspices of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) on the conditions for the entry into force of the Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships

What strategy will the Council adopt to ensure that the conditions for the entry into force of the Convention for the Safe And Environmentally Sound Recycling Of Ships, which will be negotiated in May 2009 at a diplomatic conference under the auspices of the IMO, will be conducive to the earliest possible implementation of this convention?

Pending the entry into force and effective implementation of the convention, will the Council act to make sure that the major elements of the convention will be applied on a voluntary and interim basis?

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