

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0028/09

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 Commission

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 initiatives are being taken by the Commission to ensure that the substandard practice of dismantling end-of-life vessels directly on the beach is phased out, as has been clearly recommended by 170 Parties to the Basel Convention?

Is it the Commission's intention to work towards an effective and early transposition into EU legislation 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?

What initiatives will the Commission take in this regard to ensure that the above-mentioned IMO Convention will not undermine the existing level of protection against the adverse effects of hazardous wastes as provided by the European Waste Shipment Regulation ((EC) No 1013/2006<sup>1</sup>)?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 190, 12.7.2006, p. 1.