

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0164/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Reopening of the Mont Blanc tunnel

The reopening of the Mont Blanc tunnel is a regional and national priority. As a result of delays in the work on the French side, the Valle d'Aosta Autonomous Region is being seriously affected by physical and economic isolation. This hindrance over a long period of time is calling into the question the principle laid down in the Treaty establishing the European Community, namely that of freedom of movement for goods, persons, services and capital.

- What inspection measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that this principle is complied with?
- What technical inspection measures relating to safety and maintenance does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the tunnel is fully reopened and is safe?
- What time limits will the Commission impose on France to ensure that it does not continue with this policy of obstruction?