

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2697/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Reduced VAT rates in the restaurant sector

On 14 May 2002 the European Parliament adopted a text (the Torres Marques report) entitled

‘European tourism: European Parliament resolution on the Commission communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on working together for the future of European tourism’ (P5\_TA(2002)0222).

In paragraph 46 of this text, Parliament ‘calls on the Commission to draw up at the earliest opportunity proposals to include the restaurant sector, and possibly other as yet ineligible tourist services, on the list of sectors of activity entitled to a permanent reduction in the VAT rate, so as to boost employment and modernisation in the industries concerned and make European tourism better equipped to deal with international competition’.

Can the Commission say what action it has taken on this request by Parliament?