

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3442/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Negotiations and use of languages

The press, and specifically La Quinzaine Européenne (No 27 of 18 November – 1 December 2002) claims that ‘President Romano Prodi and Commissioner Günter Verheugen ... have apparently given orders that all the accession negotiations are to take place in English.’

Is this claim wholly or partially correct?

If so, what are the reasons for such ‘orders’?