

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1808/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Communication COM(2002) 709 final (C5-0202/2003), Target-based tripartite contracts

With regard to the European Commission Communication COM(2002) 709 final, will the Commission please confirm that the tripartite contracts and agreements referred to will not override the powers and prerogatives of Member States in terms of bypassing national economic and social objectives and controls on public expenditure and also national policies and constitutional arrangements in Member States in respect of their own regional and local authorities?