

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0902/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Talks for a settlement in Cyprus

At its meeting of 23 February 2004, the Council 'welcomed the preparedness of the European Commission to fulfil its supportive role, acknowledged by successive European Councils, by providing the assistance requested by the United Nations Secretary-General.'

In the light of the role which the UN Secretary-General has called upon the Commission to play, will the Commission say whether it can confirm that the talks held to date have taken account of the need to implement the *acquis communautaire* throughout the island, and the need for an operational State capable of meeting the requirements of participation in the European Union?