

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1409/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Statement by Commissioner Patten concerning a referendum on the Constitution

In The Observer of 25 April, Commissioner Patten stated that Britain would have no choice but to leave the European Union if the European Constitution were rejected in a referendum.

Does this also apply to other Member States which hold referendums on the European Constitution?

Does Mr Patten consider Member States whose people democratically reject further integration not to be loyal to the European Union?

Was Mr Patten merely stating his own opinion, or does the Commission endorse his position?