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to the Commission

Subject: Action to combat trafficking in illegal drugs

The EU's Strategy on Drugs for the 2005-2012 period calls for a greater effort to be made in order to ensure that non-EU countries (in particular drug-producing and drug-transit countries) apply the relevant legislation.

According to the 2006 Annual Report on the European Community's Development Policy and the Implementation of External Assistance in 2005, the Commission finances a number of programmes designed to combat trafficking in illegal drugs, in particular heroin and opium. Although the Annual Report mentions the EU's Central Asian Border Management Programme (BOMCA) and the Central Asian Drug Action Programme (CADAP), there is no mention of the South Caucasus Anti-Drug Programme (SCAD).

Did the Commission provide support for specific SCAD initiatives in 2005? If so, has it carried out a study into the impact of the initiatives pursued? What was the outcome of those initiatives?

What action is the Commission planning to take in order to prevent trafficking of the 6100 tonnes of Afghan opium which - it has been calculated - were produced in Afghanistan in 2006?