WRITTEN QUESTION P-5580/07 by Andrea Losco (ALDE) to the Commission

Subject: Legislative proposal for a common consolidated corporate tax base (CCCTB)

In December 2006 the Commission adopted a Communication (COM(2006)0823) announcing a series of initiatives to promote better coordination of national direct tax systems in the EU. In this context, the Commission also announced its intention to present a comprehensive legislative proposal for a common consolidated corporate tax base (CCCTB) in 2008 in order to encourage cross-border activities and investments and to find a solution to the costs and burdens that businesses encounter when operating in several Member States.

Taking into consideration the reluctance already expressed by some Member States and the need to have unanimous support in the Council, does the Commission intend to proceed with its initial proposal?

Can the Commission give further information on the state of play of the dossier in the Commission? What is the main progress made since the publication in May 2007 of the second Communication on progress towards harmonising national tax systems for companies?

When does the Commission intend to adopt its proposal?