

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2101/08
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to the Council

Subject: Barcelona Process - Union for the Mediterranean - conclusions of the 2008 spring summit

One of the items on the agenda for the EU's spring summit on 13 and 14 March 2008 was the Union for the Mediterranean. The Council's conclusions suggest that the Union for the Mediterranean is to include all the EU Member States and the countries bordering on the Mediterranean that are not members of the EU. The Commission is invited to make proposals to the Council regarding the practical arrangements for the Union for the Mediterranean.

What concrete decisions regarding the Union for the Mediterranean were reached at the summit? What principles is it to be based on? Will the Union for the Mediterranean apply the principle of unanimity in its decision-making process? Is it the intention to fund the Union for the Mediterranean from EU resources?