

WRITTEN QUESTION P-4460/08
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to the Commission

Subject: The link between national and common regional agricultural policies and international trade agreements

In recent months the European Commission and EU Member States have been formulating policies to assist developing countries in promoting their agricultural production. It is widely recognised that such support should be based on national agricultural policies and policy initiatives. In this context:

1. Does the European Commission accept that national and regional agricultural policies (e.g. the EU's own common agricultural policy) should remain the sovereign right of the governments concerned and should not be determined by the provisions of international trade agreements?
2. Does the European Commission support the modification of existing IEPA provisions which undermine existing national and regional agriculture and food policies and policy initiatives designed to maintain and expand local food production?