

WRITTEN QUESTION P-4492/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Lower energy charges for less-favoured citizens

In a recent statement made to a German weekly, the President of the Commission said he favours 'a reduction in energy consumption charges for less-favoured households in Europe'. This proposal is of major relevance, above all with a view to tackling the rising energy charges which the least well-off have had to face in recent years.

Can the Commission state:

- why it has yet to take any initiative to encourage Member States to act on the matter;
- when and on what basis it will urge Member States to act to alleviate the considerable sacrifices which the least-favoured households have had to make?