

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1548/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: International Criminal Court for Environmental Law

In December 2008 the Commission renewed the commitment of the EU to the environment. For efficient environmental protection, however, both legislative and juridical measures are needed. In this regard the proposal for the creation of a European and International Penal Court for Environmental Law, as proposed by the International Academy for Environmental Sciences (Venice), represents a widely supported initiative.

1. Is the Commission aware of this proposal?
2. Does it intend to support it? If applicable, what are the detailed reasons for not doing so? Under which conditions would support be granted?
3. How can the Commission within its competences best support the creation of such Courts? What concrete measures will it adopt?