

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1982/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Written Declaration on the European Child Alert mechanism and related matters

Can the Commission state what action has been taken to follow up the adoption by a majority of Members of the European Parliament of Written Declaration 36/08 (P6_DCL(2008)0036), which:

1. Called on Member States to introduce a missing child alert system, the activation of which would require the immediate forwarding to the relevant news media, border authorities and customs and law enforcement agencies of details of:
 - the missing child, with a photograph if available;
 - information relevant to the disappearance and/or the suspected abductor(s);
 - a telephone number to call with information (116 000 where operational);
2. Called on Member States to reach cooperation agreements with all bordering states to ensure the capacity to raise an alert rapidly across any relevant territories;
3. Called for the development of a common organisation to provide assistance and training to national bodies?

What plans does the Commission have for bringing forward proposals consequent to the adoption of reports by seven parliamentary committees, in response to the July 2006 'communication from the Commission: Towards an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child' COM(2006) 367)?