

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1008/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: OIE conference on vaccination against animal diseases

From 13 to 16 April 2004 the OIE will organise an international conference in Buenos Aires on vaccination against animal diseases.

1. Will the European Commission base its contribution to this conference on the report and resolution of the European Parliament's temporary committee on foot-and-mouth disease? If not, what will its contribution be?

2. Is the European Commission, together with the EU Member States, prepared to enforce, within the framework of the OIE, a policy that does not differentiate between protective emergency vaccination (whereby the vaccinated animals are kept alive) on the one hand and suppressive emergency vaccination and / or preventive culling on the other?