ORAL QUESTION H-0382/02 for Question Time at the part-session in July 2002 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Pat Gallagher to the Council

Subject: Access to the internet and information technologies

Given the results of the recent Eurobarometer survey which indicate that over half of Europeans do not use a computer and almost two thirds do not use the internet, and given the wide disparity which exists between Member States – in particular between the cohesion countries and other Member States - on these scores, does the Council share the view that it is necessary to plan an informal Council of Technology and Regional Ministers which would discuss ways of increasing access to and participation in the Information Society, with particular emphasis on redressing regional and geographical imbalances?

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