

ORAL QUESTION H-0406/03
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to the Council

Subject: Commission and Council Office in the United Nations (New York)

The European Parliament has consistently expressed the need to enhance cooperation between the Commission, the Council and the Member States in third countries and international organisations in order to make progress towards the establishment of a European common external service.

Does the Council believe that its Office at the New York seat of the UN has enough budgetary, human and logistic resources at its disposal for it to fulfil effectively its tasks relating to the external representation of the EU? How many officials at each grade are currently posted to its Coordination Office in New York?

Are the Council and Commission planning to move their two offices into one location so as to ensure a common 'EU entrance'?

Is any use made of the facilities owned by Member States for EU coordination activities? Does the Council foresee the pooling of assets of Member States and EU institutions at the UN?

Has the Council reviewed the changes caused by enlargement? How does it intend to adapt in order to guarantee EU coordination and coordination with third countries at the UN?

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