

ORAL QUESTION H-0407/03
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to the Commission

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 Commission believe that its Delegation 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 at the Delegation in New York?

Is any use made of the facilities owned by Member States for EU coordination activities?

Are the Council and the Commission planning to move their two offices into one location so as to ensure a common 'EU entrance'? Will the Commission submit proposals to the budgetary authority to that end?

What changes will the Commission make so as to adapt EU coordination at the UN to cover enlargement and so as to take account of the conclusions of the Convention on the Future of Europe in this field?

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