ORAL QUESTION H-0084/09 for Question Time at the part-session in March I 2009 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Marianne Mikko to the Commission

Subject: Declaration on the proclamation of 23 August as European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Stalinism and Nazism

This summer will mark the passage of 70 years since the signing of the notorious Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact of 23 August 1939 between the Soviet Union and Germany divided Europe into two spheres of interest by means of secret additional protocols. Declaration 0044/2008 on commemorating the victims of the consequences of this Pact received the support of 409 Members of the European Parliament from all political groups. It was announced by the European Parliament's President on 22 September and was forwarded, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments of the Member States. The influence that the Soviet occupation had on the citizens of the post-Soviet states is little known in Europe.

What initiative, if any, has the Commission planned in response to the declaration?

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