

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0023/03

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to the Council

Subject: Nuclear weapons to be used against Iraq and elsewhere, in battlefield operations as well as pre-emptively

- 1) What has the Council undertaken to express its concern to the Government of the USA about its recent declarations that the use of nuclear weapons against Iraq cannot be excluded?
- 2) In the perspective that the EU should play a leadership role in the matter of nuclear disarmament and in maintaining respect for the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), what has the Council undertaken to convince the USA that the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapons states should be excluded in all circumstances;
- 3) What dialogue is the Council setting up with NATO and with the USA to counter the new American military strategy of using nuclear weapons against states pre-emptively, as has been formulated in the US 'New Nuclear Posture Review' (January 2002) and the 'National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction'?
- 4) What measures can the Council provide to ensure that no nuclear weapons will be used in any external military operations (within and outside NATO) in which European troops are involved?

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