

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0071/03

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject:           Paying for our promise to end poverty

In the light of the UN declaration signed by all European countries to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, which according to the Zedillo report will cost an extra \$50 billion each year to achieve, and considering the problems of international support now faced by the UK Government's initiative of an International Financing Facility of Jacques Chirac's proposal for an international tax to raise this high level of funds additional to ordinary overseas development aid in order to pay for these Goals, will the Commission agree to pursue all efforts to establish a currency transactions tax on the euro, for the express purpose of the European Union delivering the level of funds required to halve world poverty, significantly increase access to clean water, reduce pandemic with the UNAIDS Global Fund, give millions more children the opportunity of education and prevent avoidable infant and maternal mortality by 2015 as specified in the Millennium Development Goals?

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