ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0070/09

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

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Subject: Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part

Can the Commission advise:

- 1. on the state of play of the negotiations on the FTA, given the recent media speculation that a conclusion of the Agreement in Europe and in Korea before the summer is likely;
- 2. when it envisages that the two sides will sign the FTA;
- 3. whether any Member States have concerns with the draft FTA
- 4. whether any European firms or industries, particularly in the vehicle, shipping, audiovisual and financial services sectors, have expressed concerns about the draft FTA?

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