

While retaining the thrust of the current aid system, the Commission proposals concern, as the Honourable Member will certainly have noted, a number of important economic, technical, budgetary and environmental aspects, which indicate the complexity of the analyses which the Commission undertook in preparation for drawing up its proposals.

These are currently being studied in detail within the Council's working parties.

The Council will, in good time, take an appropriate decision on this file. In making its decision, the Council will not fail to examine closely the Parliament's forthcoming Opinion on the matter.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-0906/00**

**by Konstantinos Hatzidakis (PPE-DE) to the Commission**

(25 March 2000)

*Subject:* Alteration of the cultural heritage in FYROM

Extensive alterations have reportedly been made recently to the architecture of the Church of Ayios Dimitrios in the town of Bitola (Monastir) in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), which clearly constitute alteration of the cultural heritage of that historical monument and of the region in general. Will the Commission say whether it is aware of this situation, what steps it intends to take to put an immediate end to these actions, and whether it has taken or intends to take any measures to protect the historical monuments and the cultural heritage in general in the Balkans?

**Answer given by Mr Patten on behalf of the Commission**

(16 May 2000)

The Commission thanks the Honourable Member for his question regarding the cultural heritage of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM).

Unfortunately, it has been unable to obtain precise information relating to the church of Ayios Dimitrios, but, in general terms, the Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its reply to Written Question E-0077/99 submitted by Mr Kaklamanis, particularly the second paragraph<sup>(1)</sup>.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 297, 15.10.1999, p. 142.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-0914/00**

**by Christopher Huhne (ELDR) to the Commission**

(25 March 2000)

*Subject:* Volume of EU legislative proposals

How many new legislative proposals (for directives, regulations and decisions) have been made by the Commission in each year for the last ten years?