

Answer given by Mr Vitorino on behalf of the Commission

(30 November 1999)

The Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its answer to written question No P-2703/97 by Mr Florio ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 60, 25.2.1998.

(2000/C 170 E/181)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2174/99**by Salvador Jové Peres (GUE/NGL) to the Commission**

(29 November 1999)

Subject: Legislative acts which may affect competition

What would the Commission's opinion be of a situation where a regulation granted a tariff reduction on the raw materials used by only one firm in a certain sector, without clear justification?

Answer given by Mr Monti on behalf of the Commission

(6 December 1999)

It is not Commission policy to answer hypothetical questions.

(2000/C 170 E/182)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2187/99**by Christos Folias (PPE-DE) and Ioannis Marinos (PPE-DE) to the Commission**

(29 November 1999)

Subject: Treaty of Amsterdam and sport

Although the social significance of sport was recognised, it was effectively left outside the scope of the Treaty. Declaration No 29 annexed to the Final Act of the Amsterdam Treaty does not allow the Community to take any action in the field of sport.

In the light of the social dimension of sport — both professional and amateur — particularly in forging identity, bringing people together and promoting the Olympic ideals, and of its economic dimension in the creation of new jobs.

Will the Commission say:

1. whether it considers that the Community should take action to encourage cooperation between Member States or cooperation with third countries, and to complement the Member States' measures, as is the case with cultural affairs, for example? Is it aware of any practical results that have come out of the above declaration to date?
2. If so, will it take the opportunity of the forthcoming Intergovernmental Conference to propose that sport be incorporated into the new Treaty with the introduction of a relevant chapter?
3. Does it have the necessary structure available to implement a possible Community sports policy?