

ORAL QUESTION H-0294/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in May 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Council

Subject: Prospects for closer regional cooperation in the Black Sea region in the light of the decision to launch the Union for the Mediterranean

The European Council of 13-14 March 2008 took the decision to support and launch the initiative 'Barcelona Process: a Union for the Mediterranean', whose objective is to create a union of both EU Member States and third countries with a view to deepening the Union's relations with the countries of the Mediterranean region.

At the same time, the EP has frequently expressed the view that the EU needs to develop, to a similar level, regional cooperation in the context of the Synergy for the Black Sea, the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and the Nordic Dimension.

In the light of the decision to launch the Union for the Mediterranean' and the less developed state of cooperation between the EU and the Black Sea region, it is essential to deepen, to an equivalent degree, cooperation in that region - a region which includes European countries. Does the Council intend to examine this state of affairs, and what are its proposals for a much deeper involvement of the EU in the Black Sea region?

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