

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0049/09
pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure
by Katerina Batzeli and Doris Pack, on behalf of the Committee on Culture and Education
to the Commission

Subject: Follow-up to the Declaration of the Sports Ministers of the European Union at their meeting in Biarritz in November 2008

The Declaration of the Sports Ministers of the European Union at their meeting in Biarritz in November 2008 set two key tasks for European institutions:

- (a) 'the ministers ask the relevant European institutions to strengthen current dialogue mechanisms by setting up a consultative framework as of 2009 associating notably the International Olympic Committee and representatives of the sports movement';
- (b) 'European ministers call on the Commission to provide clearer legal guidelines on the application of EU law to sport organisations'.

Could the Commission answer the following questions?

1. What steps has the Commission taken so far, and what steps does the Commission intend to take, during the remainder of its mandate, to complete these tasks?
2. Does the Commission believe the 'consultative framework' should be formal or informal, and which sports representatives does the Commission intend to invite?

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