Resolution on the results of the fact-finding mission to the regions of Andalucia, Valencia and Madrid conducted on behalf of the Committee on Petitions

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The House held a debate on Oral Questions O-0030/2007 and O-0031/2007 on the results of the fact-finding mission to the regions of Andalucia, Valencia and Madrid conducted on behalf of the Committee on Petitions.

The resolution winding up this debate was due to be put to the vote on 21 June 2007.

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Subject: Fact-finding mission to the regions of Andalusia, Valencia and Madrid

On 11 April, the Petitions Committee approved a report (PE 386.549) which resulted from a fact-finding mission to the regions of Andalusia, Valencia and Madrid concerning the extensive urbanisation projects in these autonomous regions of Spain about which many petitions have been received. The report was strongly critical of the fact that the basic rights of thousands of European citizens to their legitimately acquired property are being severely undermined by these massive urban development programmes. Furthermore, due to lack of transparent procedures, European directives on public procurement are not complied with, water supply and compliance with European directives on water management are threatened, and the directives on the protection of the environment and biodiversity are frequently being ignored. Parliament itself approved a resolution on this issue on 13 December 2005 by an overwhelming majority, concerning the Valencian region where the most serious cases are occurring. Both the report of the fact-finding visit and the resolution of Parliament have been transmitted to the Council Presidency and the European Commission.

What actions are being taken by the Council Presidency/the Commission to ensure the correct application of Community law and respect for the fundamental rights of European citizens, as contained in Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union?