



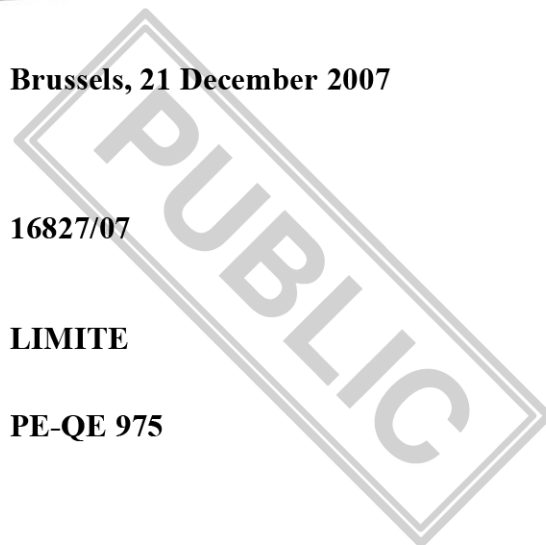
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**AMENDMENT to Preliminary draft reply to Written Question
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Place: Final paragraph (16246/07)

Amendment:

The Council ~~ensures~~^{assures} the Honourable Member that the results of the public consultation carried out by the Commission regarding future patent policy in Europe ~~have been~~^{will be} duly taken into account throughout the discussions.

Justification:

Our first amendment (*ensures* to *assures*) is simply for clarity, and is not intended to change the substance of the text.

Regarding the second amendment, the original text implies that the consultation results have already been taken into account and are no longer relevant, but this is not the case. Discussions on the European patent discussions are ongoing, and stakeholders' views will be relevant throughout. For as long as discussions in Council continue, the consultation results must be taken into account. The text should be amended to make this clear.