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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr Jahn, Mr Springorum, Mr Noe', Mr Vandewiele
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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Implementation of the European Community's Action
Programme for the Protection of the Environment of
22 November 1973¹

1. Can the Commission state which measures provided for in the environmental protection programme were
 - (a) submitted by the Commission in good time,
 - (b) adopted by the Council in good time,
 - (c) not submitted by the Commission in good time and not adopted by the Council in good time?
2. Where it was not possible to deal with these documents in time, when is this work likely to be concluded in each case?
3. What are the reasons for the delays in putting the programme into effect?

¹ OJ No. C112 of 20 December 1973, p.1

4. To what extent are these delays attributable to a shortage of staff or financial resources?
5. What adverse effects does the Commission think the cuts made by the Council in the budgetary items concerning environmental protection in its general budget for 1975 (Doc. 288/74) will have?
6. Is the Commission aware that any delay in implementing the environmental protection programme means stagnation and that tardy action to combat environmental damage is significantly more costly?
7. What practical measures does the Commission propose to take and what proposals can it submit with a view to ensuring the smooth and prompt implementation of the environmental protection programme in future?