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on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Competition policy in the sugar sector

1. In the Commission's proposals for the organization of the sugar market and the allocation of production quotas¹ which led to the Council's recent decisions, what account has been taken of the results of the investigations into the conduct of sugar manufacturers and of the decisions subsequently taken by the Commission in respect of them?
2. What steps can the Commission take and does it propose to take in order to prevent the continuation of these irregular situations while the longstanding appeal lodged with the Court of Justice by the manufacturers accused by the Commission of irregularities remains pending?
3. Does the Commission know whether these groups have concluded new agreements among themselves and whether this is the reason

¹ See COM (74) 1570 final

for the hiding and hoarding of sugar which has been so prejudicial of late both to consumers and to the sugar-beet farmers of the various Member States of the Community?

4. Does the Commission consider it normal that the Council should have taken a decision on the above proposals while Parliament has not had the opportunity to express its own opinion on the matter?