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ORAL QUESTION (0-148/82)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr BORD on behalf of the Group of European Progressive
Democrats

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Emergency measures in favour of the French timber
and paper industry

The timber industry consisting of 80,000 companies with
650,000 employees and a turnover of 70 thousand million
francs, is of very great importance to France. Moreover,
French forests covering 14.5 million hectares, are the
largest in Europe and as such an exceptional natural resource.

However, the trade deficit in the timber sector stood at
15 thousand million francs in 1982 - the second largest
negative item in the French balance of trade. Can the Commis-
sion assess the nature and scale of the resources needed
for the restructuring of this sector and will it consider
the urgency of the measures to be taken?

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