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ORAL QUESTION (O-183/82)

without debate pursuant to Rule 43 of the
Rules of Procedure to the foreign ministers
of the ten Member States of the
European Community meeting in political cooperation
by Mr PÖTTERING

Subject: Fresh wave of prosecutions of Orthodox
Christians in the Soviet Union

According to Keston College, a British institute
for the study of religion in Communist countries,
a further wave of court cases against Orthodox
Christians is imminent in the Soviet Union. Those
involved include the human rights activists
Zoya Krakhmalnikova, Edmond Avetian,
Rafael Papayan and Georgiy Khomiotsuri.

Are the Community foreign ministers prepared to
intercede with the Soviet authorities on behalf of
those concerned?

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