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with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
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RING, Mrs BOOT, Mr BROK, Mr HABSBURG, Mrs LENZ, Mr VAN AERSEN,  
Mr ESTGEN, Mr JONKER, Mr LANGES, Mr NOTENBOOM, Mr MALANGRE,  
Mr WEDEKIND, Mrs MAIJ-WEGGEN and Mr VON BISMARCK..  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Discrimination against persons living in the vicinity  
of internal frontiers when crossing those frontiers

Strengthening the internal market within the meaning of the  
Communication from the Commission to the Council of 14 October  
1981 involves not only increasing gradually but significantly  
the tax-free allowances for travellers but also placing  
residents in districts near internal frontiers on an equal  
footing with other travellers.

1. Does the Commission agree that the freedom of movement of  
persons living near internal frontiers is already more  
restricted than that of people living inland as a result  
of the continuing checks on persons and goods at these  
frontiers?
2. Does the Commission therefore not consider it necessary that  
such persons particularly affected by the internal frontiers  
should at least be given equality with other travellers  
for travel within the Community?

3. Does the Commission not think it appropriate to amend its proposal for a resolution on strengthening of the internal market of 14 October 1981 (Doc. COM(81) 572 final) so that the authorization in Article 3 of the Directive of 12.6.1972 (72/230/EEC) for a drastic reduction of the tax-free allowances for persons resident in the Community's internal frontier districts is removed for intra-Community travel?