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without debate pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr MARTENS, Mr BERTRAND, Mr DE KONING and Mr FRÜH
on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Increased production of sugar syrups with a high
fructose content (isomeroses) from maize

1. Does the Commission consider the increasing production from maize of sugar syrups with a high fructose content to be a threat in the short or medium term to sales of sugar produced from sugar beet (EEC) and sugar cane (ACP States) ?
2. Does the Commission intend in the near future:
 - (a) to extend to the isomeroses in question the market regulations applicable to solid sugar (saccharose) ?
 - (b) to have all measures which distort competition between sugar prepared from beet and sugar syrup prepared from maize discontinued?
3. What is the Commission's attitude towards the government aid which some Member States are considering granting for the construction of factories to produce isomeroses?

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