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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr N.A. KOFOED on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic
Group

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Seizure of Community undertaking in Ghana

On 3 November 1976, the Danish firm T. Briscoe in Ghana, a subsidiary of the Danish multinational firm, the East Asiatic Company (ØK), was seized without warning by the Ghanaian authorities. There seem to be no grounds, let alone legal authorization, for such intervention.

Ghana is a member of the Lomé Convention between countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific and the European Economic Community and is therefore a party to industrial and economic cooperation with the Community. It is therefore all the more surprising that Ghana should seize a Community undertaking in a way that conflicts with the provisions of the Lomé Convention on industrial cooperation between the ACP countries and the Community.

Will the Commission of the European Communities therefore state:

1. What information it can give the European Parliament on the subject?
2. What steps it will take to ensure that similar action is not repeated in Ghana or other ACP countries?

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