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ORAL QUESTION (O-62/78)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
by the Committee on External Economic Relations  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Development of trade and cooperation between the Community  
and the State of Israel

1. Does the Commission consider that the preferential trade agreement concluded on 11 May 1975 between the Community and the State of Israel, which entered into force on 1 July 1975, has made a satisfactory contribution to the promotion and diversification of trade between the two sides?
2. Can the Commission say what stage has been reached in the talks being conducted, pursuant to Article 22 of the Agreement between the contracting parties, with a view to considering possible improvements to the Agreement to take effect on 1 January 1979?  
What particular difficulties might these talks be encountering?
3. What measures does the Commission believe would be most appropriate for facilitating the development of scientific, economic and technical cooperation between the Community and Israel when the supplementary protocol and the financial protocol, signed on 8 February 1977, shortly enter into force?