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by Sir Brandon RHYS-WILLIAMS, Mr BERKHOUWER, Mr KASPEREIT, Mr PISANI, Mr SPINELLI and STETTER to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Export earnings of copper producers

In view of the international significance of the market for copper and its importance in the economies of certain ACP member states :

1. Will the Commission give urgent consideration to the problems arising from the fluctuations in the price of copper of recent years, and to the particular difficulties of marginal producers ?
2. Though recognising the evident difficulty of extending the Stabex scheme to cover the major minerals entering world trade, does the Commission acknowledge the obvious desirability of helping states adhering to the Lomé Convention to stabilise their earnings of EEC currencies ?
3. Will the Commission immediately begin joint studies with the ACP countries mainly dependent on copper exports to draw up a scheme for copper producers comparable to, though separate from, the Stabex system ?