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Mr ARTZINGER and Mr SPRINGORUM

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Relations with COMECON

On 16 February 1976 a delegation from COMECON, led by the President of the Executive, the vice-chairman of the Council of Ministers of the GDR, Gerhard Weiss, held talks with the President-in-Office of the EEC Council of Ministers, Mr Gaston Thorn, in the course of which the COMECON representatives presented a memorandum containing proposals for cooperation between COMECON and the EEC. According to press reports the proposals related to a trade agreement including a 'most favoured nation' clause, the abolition of barriers to trade and the prohibition of restrictions on imports and exports etc.

Could the Commission inform the European Parliament of the content of these proposals and state its views on them?

Is it not the Commission's opinion that it should itself represent the Community in talks and negotiations with COMECON?

Does it not consider that this approach to talks and negotiations by COMECON is an attempt to avoid recognizing the EEC?