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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr GLINNE, on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Repeated violations of human rights in Uruguay

In reply to Oral Question No. 77 of 13 May 1976¹, the Commission assured the European Parliament that it would take care not to grant Uruguay the special trade preferences it had requested as long as human rights were so deliberately flouted there. Increasingly alarming reports from Amnesty International reveal that the situation of political prisoners in Uruguay is constantly deteriorating, so much so that the United States Congress decided, on 20 September 1976, to cancel American military aid to that country. Uruguay has thus become the second Latin American country, after Chile, to be deprived of US aid following repeated violations of human rights.

1. Has the meeting of the EEC-Uruguay joint committee, scheduled for June 1976, finally been held?
2. If so, has the Commission agreed to grant the trade preferences requested by the fascist Government of that country?
3. If so, is the Commission prepared to reconsider its commitments in the light of Amnesty International's revelations?

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¹ Debates of the European Parliament Nr. 203, page 154 and following
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4. Does not the Commission feel that the European Community ought to adopt towards the Uruguayan junta an attitude at least as firm as that adopted by the United States?