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ORAL QUESTION (O-74/83)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mrs LE ROUX, Mr PIQUET, Mr PRANCHERE, Mr WURTZ and  
Mr FERNANDEZ  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Sales of dairy products to Egypt by the United States

After the 'warning shot' of sales of American wheat to Egypt, the Commission has now accepted the unilateral limitation of cereal exports and the authorization of imports of American wine. These tokens of good will have only served to step up the aggressiveness of the United States, which has now concluded a contract to sell Egypt large quantities of dairy products (18,000 tonnes of butter and 10,000 tonnes of cheese) on preferential terms which are incompatible with GATT regulations.

In its reply to Oral Question H-109/83<sup>1</sup>, the Commission 'assures Parliament that it is ready to react with the greatest firmness if the United States again uses subsidized sales to take over traditional Community markets'.

Is the Commission prepared to respect this commitment by putting into effect the counter-measures which are called for?

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<sup>1</sup>Proceedings 1-299 of 18 May 1983, p. 196