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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : European Social Heritage

1. Does the Commission share the view that our European Social Heritage - such as evidence of the history of the world of work, industrial development, the birth of factories, the lives and struggles of workers, the creation and role of trade unions, cooperatives and friendly societies- deserves to be preserved in view of its significance in our total cultural heritage ?
2. In view of their importance as part of our common social heritage and evolution does the Commission favour, and will it encourage, the acquisition by local authorities of disused factories - a process already begun in some places - which could be used

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- for the collection and exhibition of documentation and evidence such as texts, pictures, machinery tools which could serve as material for travelling exhibitions, such places could also serve as centres for conferences, studies, leisure and culture ?
3. Will the Commission examine the possibility of Community finance for initiatives towards the preservation of our common European Social Heritage in those areas which have witnessed the development of an industrial civilization and constitute an important part of the history of the world of work ?
 4. Will it also consider the possibility of similar measures in favour of preserving evidence of the history and development of the rural world ?