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Oral Question (O-182/82)
with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM
on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Council of the European Communities

Subject : Consumer protection policy in the Community

1. A number of proposals for directives forwarded by the Commission to the Council as part of the first action programme are still pending before the Council. These include the following proposals in particular:

- (a) Approximation of laws concerning liability for defective products (Doc. COM(76) 372 final - ESC 834/78) EP 246/78
- (b) Protection of the consumer in respect of contracts negotiated away from business premises (door-to-door sales) (Doc. COM(76) 544 final - ESC 657/77) EP 227/77
- (c) Approximation of laws concerning misleading and unfair advertising (Doc. COM(77) 724 final - ESC 900/78) EP 36/79

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(d) Rapid exchange of information on dangers arising from the use of consumer products

(Doc. COM(79) 725 final - ESC 121/80) EP 207/82

(e) Control of the possession, distribution and administration to domestic animals of substances with a hormonal action

(Doc. COM(80) 614 final - ESC 238/81) EP 840/80

(f) Materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

(Doc. COM(81) 5 final - ESC 766/81) EP 110/82¹

Would the Council state what stage has been reached in the consideration of the abovementioned proposals and when they are likely to be adopted ?

2. While the Commission has the right of initiative when it comes to drawing up proposals for legislation, is the Council of Ministers nonetheless prepared to organize regular meetings at Council level between the Ministers for Economic Affairs and the Ministers responsible for consumer protection to discuss problems in this area ?

¹ A number of other proposals concerning in the general field of veterinary medicine and public health are also awaiting decisions and the Council is requested to summarize these proposals and comment on them.