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ORAL QUESTION (0-122/82)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mrs QUIN

on behalf of the Socialist Group

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Failure of the Council to adopt positive measures to help  
the European shipbuilding industry

1. Why did the Council fail to accept proposals from the Commission to adopt a scrap and build policy to stimulate demand in the shipbuilding industry?
2. Why has the council failed to take any action on Commission proposals, supported by the overwhelming majority of the European Parliament, designed to help older shipbuilding workers throughout the EEC who were leaving the industry during the recent period of restructuring?
3. Does the Council accept the view of the Commission that the shipbuilding industry is of importance to Europe and, that in order to maintain a viable level of capacity, does it now accept that restructuring has gone far enough?

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4. Does the Council agree that South Korea and Japan have both recently been increasing their market share and that prices quoted for building ships in those countries over the last year (which have been up to 50% below those quoted by European shipbuilders) have only been possible because of non-transparent production aids in those countries?
  
5. Will the council agree, as a matter of urgency, to give a positive impetus to the European shipbuilding industry which is so important to the well-being of many of Europe's depressed industrial regions?