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Oral Question (O-80/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mrs FOCKE, Mr HANSCH, Mr WALTER, Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL
and Mr von der VRING

to the Foreign Ministers of the ten Member States
of the European Community meeting in political cooperation

Subject: Action taken by the Foreign Ministers meeting
in EPC on the Greek proposal concerning the
extension of the Geneva INF negotiations

On 12 August 1983, the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Haralambopoulos, proposed that the Foreign Ministers of the Community meeting in EPC should press for a six-month extension of the Geneva negotiations on medium range weapons in Europe.

1. Can the President of the Council state whether the Greek Government's proposal was discussed at the Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in EPC on 12 September 1983, and, if so, with what results? If not, why not?
2. Is the President of the Council of the opinion that the question of the length of the negotiations is a 'political aspect' of an issue which concerns the security of all the Member States of the Community?

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3. Does the President of the Council take the view that the adoption by the Community Member States of a joint position on an issue of vital importance to all Europeans could have a positive effect on the progress and outcome of the Geneva INF negotiations?
4. Does the President of the Council believe that all ten Member States within EPC should be prepared to compromise to reach a united position and that the Presidency has a particular responsibility in this respect?