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with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mr VANDEMEULEBROUCKE  
on behalf of the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education,  
Information and Sport  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: New information technologies and vocational  
training and vocational training policies in  
the European Communities

While approving the broad outlines of the communication from the Commission to the Council (COM(82) 296 final) on vocational training and new information technologies: new Community initiatives during the period 1983-1987 and the draft resolution of the Council on vocational training policies in the European Communities in the 1980s (COM(82) 637 final), the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport wishes to put the following questions:

1. Does the Commission not consider it advisable for a more detailed study to be carried out on the impact of the introduction of new technologies on the employment of young people, in particular as regards the creation and loss of jobs?

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2. Does the Commission intend to give priority to requests made under the Regional Fund to assist the establishment of undertakings with a high technology content in Community regions?
3. Does the Commission consider it advisable to investigate the possibilities of setting up a pilot project for closer cooperation between firms and schools to assist with the training of young people by means of traineeships in firms and to facilitate the purchase of equipment by schools?
4. Does the Commission not agree that it should also give consideration to the cultural aspects of the introduction of new technologies, in particular those relating to information?
5. Does the Commission intend to encourage cooperation between the Member States in the computerization of labour market data, so as to facilitate the dissemination of such information throughout the Community?
6. Does the Commission intend to enter in the preliminary draft budget for 1984 the new budgetary items (vocational training activities specifically related to the introduction of new technologies) envisaged in its communication to the Council (COM(82) 296 final) and to create budgetary headings, as part of the reform of the Social Fund, for the implementation of Community vocational training programmes for the 1980s?