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ORAL QUESTION (C-119/82)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mrs van den HEUVEL, Mrs HERKLOTZ, Mr CARIGLIA, Mr LOMAS  
and Mr MEGAHY

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

Subject: Death sentences and executions in Malaysia

Since 1980 at least 112 people have been arrested under the  
State Security Act and charged with having put the security  
of Malaysia at risk. 31 people have already been put to  
death under this legislation and a further 7 people are in  
imminent danger of execution. All possible forms of legal  
appeal have been exhausted.

Following the representations made by the ten Member States  
under the Belgian Presidency to the Malaysian Government on  
behalf of the victims of the ESCAR (Essential Security  
Cases Amendment Regulations), can the Foreign Ministers say:

1. What has been the reaction of the Malaysian Government  
on this issue;
2. What further steps do they propose to take to save the  
lives of the political prisoners sentenced to death in  
Malaysia?

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3. What link do they see between the violations of human rights in the various ASEAN countries and the Community's trade relations with those countries?
4. Are they prepared to propose to the Malaysian Government that the Community should adopt a certain number of those arrested under the ESCAR but not yet sentenced?