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with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr ALBERS, Mrs van den HEUVEL, Mrs VIEHOFF,
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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Action programme for the improvement of the living
and working conditions of migrant workers

1. To what extent is the Commission's policy still influenced by the action programme for the improvement of the living and working conditions of migrant workers and their families, which was adopted by the European Parliament by a substantial majority in 1975?
2. Does the Commission share the widespread concern that the rise of racist organizations, such as the 'League for the Protection of the German People' in the Federal Republic of Germany, and political parties such as the 'Central Party' in the Netherlands might jeopardize the living and working conditions and possibly the life of migrant workers and their families?

3. Is this concern not intensified by statements such as that made by the President of the Bundestag in the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr R. Stücklen, a CSU member of the European People's Party, who said: 'I too feel that the constitutional concept of "German people" is ultimately ethnic. There can be no justification, based either on ethnic or legal interpretations of the term "people", for an immigration policy which injects a foreign element into the German people' (Frankfurter Rundschau of 9.9.1982)?

4. What steps is the Commission taking to help ensure that migrant workers do not fall victim to the economic crisis which is having such a serious effect on the workers of the European Community?