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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr GLINNE on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Foreign Ministers of the Nine Member States of the
European Community meeting in political cooperation

Subject: Compliance with UN sanctions against Rhodesia

Since August 1973 the UN commission set up to supervise the application of economic sanctions against Rhodesia has suspected Gabon of being the hub of illegal trade. In November 1975 the British Government forwarded to this commission an initial detailed note accusing Gabon of this and also claiming the some European airline companies were aiding and abetting that country. A second British note of January 1976 supplied details of supplies of equipment originating in Belgium and Luxembourg, described how SABENA and Air France were collaborating in this and indicated the European links in various operations, together with the people involved.

On 26 October 1976 a further British diplomatic note was forwarded, this time to the Security Council. Once again it implicated not only Gabon but also Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Zaire. It is clear that a large-scale network has long been

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in operation and continues to provide Rhodesia with large amounts of foreign currency.

I should like to know what concrete action has been taken - in the context of the political cooperation of the Nine - on the diplomatic note of 26 October. What measures have been taken jointly or by the individual Member States implicated?