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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr GLINNE, Mr DONDELINGER, Mr HOFFMANN, Mr LAURAIN, Mr PISANI, Mr HAASE, Lord ARDWICK and Mr DANKERT

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: The crisis in the iron and steel industry

1. What is the present situation of the Community iron and steel industry as regards

- (a) quantities produced
- (b) recent price trends
- (c) profits or losses of the principal companies
- (d) number of jobs already lost or expected to be lost in the near future ?

2. How does the Commission assess the effects of Community measures (quota, reference prices etc.) and the national measures adopted to remedy present underemployment of production capacity? Would the Commission comment, in particular, on the effects on steel-using industries? In addition, it would be useful to know whether and to what extent the national measures involve:

- (a) granting non-returnable subsidies to private undertakings;
- (b) participation in capital entailing control by the public authorities and the organization of workers affected by the level of employment;
- (c) other types of aid.

3. How does the Commission assess

- (a) the future prospects of the Community iron and steel industry
- (b) the future prospects of the iron and steel industry in the following groups of countries:
 - countries applying for accession
 - other OECD countries
 - state-trading countries
 - developing countries?

4. Would the Commission state what progress has been made in the restructuring of the Community iron and steel industry and whether it will be submitting a long-awaited overall restructuring plan to Parliament?