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without debate pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules
of Procedure

on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee
to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Arrangements for counting the votes in
direct elections

Since it is important that direct elections should
make an impact on the citizens of the Community, it
is vital for the counting of votes to begin as soon
as polling has closed in the last Member State, on
the evening of Sunday, 10 June 1979.

Provided that is possible and the results can be
announced on that same evening, the radio and
television networks of the Member States are
contemplating broadcasting a multi-national programme,
covering the election results, which would convey to
viewers and listeners the significance of these direct
elections.

However, if it turns out that too few countries will
be announcing the results that evening, the networks
would not be prepared to broadcast a programme of
this nature.

Given this situation, the Political Affairs Committee requests the Council of Ministers to state:

1. What requests have been made to the Council to ensure that the results of the direct elections are announced on the same day in all Member States?
2. What discussion has there been on this matter in the Council? What was the outcome?
3. What steps will the President-in-Office take to ensure that the results of the direct elections are announced on the same day in all Member States?
4. What, in the Council's view, would be the most fitting date and time for announcing the results?