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ORAL QUESTION (0-116/78)

without debate, pursuant to Rule 46 of the
Rules of Procedure,

by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI and Mr VERONESI

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : More rational productive cycles for
titanium dioxide and use of 'red mud'

Following the new guidelines laid down by the EEC Council of Environment Ministers to ensure interdependence between ecological protection and the safeguarding of employment, what is the Commission's opinion of the possibility of eliminating the adverse ecological and economic consequences of 'red mud', having regard to the following solutions which were recently discussed in various scientific centres:

- use of titanium dioxide residues to make clay soil suitable for cultivation;
- use of more rational productive cycles such as those elaborated by some of the Montedison works councils and the Donegani Institute, and adopted by the national union of chemical workers and the

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Piedmont and Lombardy regions, which allow fuller use to be made of the raw materials, a drastic reduction in the overall volume of pollution and a reduction in energy consumption with a decrease in costs and increase in employment?