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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr BORDU and Mr SANDRI

on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

to the Foreign Ministers of the nine Member States
meeting in political cooperation

Subject: Economic support for the racist regime of
South Africa

A French chamber of commerce in South Africa was
established on 28 November 1978 in Johannesburg.

This action, taken with the cooperation of the majority of
the French industrial and financial groups operating in
South Africa, has the backing of the French embassy in
Pretoria.

1. Are the Ministers aware of this action?
2. Do they not consider that expansion of trade by the
Member States fits into the general pattern of the
Community's de facto economic support for a
discredited and racist regime outlawed by the UN
from the community of nations, and that such support
is helping to perpetuate this regime?
3. Do they not feel that, following the condemnation of
South Africa's policy of apartheid, they ought to heed
the ACP/EEC Consultative Assembly's repeated calls
for vigorous action by the Community to put an end

to collaboration on the part of the major European undertakings with the racist regime of Pretoria?

4. Do they therefore intend to take a stand against actions of the kind referred to in the present question?