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on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Control of production costs in agriculture

Can the Commission provide information to Parliament on the structure of the industrial sector engaged in the manufacture of products for use in agriculture and on the structures for marketing agricultural products in the nine Community Member States.

If not, will it undertake to transmit a detailed study of this matter to Parliament as soon as possible?

What measures does it intend to take to bring about a reduction in the prices of industrial products intended for use in agriculture, to prevent speculation on the market and to base the level of agricultural prices on verified data?

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- Within the limits of the powers granted to it by the Treaty of Rome - is the Commission in favour of control at national and Community level of:

1. the formation of prices of industrial products manufactured for use in agriculture by the big multinational companies,
2. the operation of marketing networks and the activities of the large food processing industries?

What steps has the Commission taken, or does it intend to take, to ensure that research and experimentation on industrial products required by agriculture take account of the public interest, the diversity of agriculture in the nine Member States and, above all, the problems specific to the poorest regions?