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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure, by Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection,
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Community preventive action on
cardio-vascular diseases

Following the symposium held in Luxembourg on 12 April 1978 on the social and political consequences of cardio-vascular diseases, the Commission of the European Communities is requested to answer the following questions:

1. Is it aware that the increased frequency of cardio-vascular diseases resulting from the modern, predominantly sedentary life-style now imposes an intolerable financial burden on the social security systems of the various countries?
2. Does it not feel that the specific actions which it carries out under chapter 35 of the budget of the European Communities - radiation protection, medical and public-health efforts to combat ecotoxicity, health, hygiene and safety measures at the place of work - should be complemented, within

a broader framework, by coordinatory measures geared to health protection on the principle that 'movement prolongs life', and backed up by appropriate information and educational measures, with a view to preventing cardio-vascular diseases and thereby meeting a need both economic and social ?

3. Could not the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions give priority to promoting extensive human activities of a preventive and compensatory nature ?