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with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr GONTIKAS, Mr GEROKOSTOPOULOS, Mr BOURNIAS,
Mr HABSBURG and Mr LUSTER
to the Foreign Ministers of the European Communities
meeting in political cooperation

Subject: Steps taken by the Greek Foreign Minister to
postpone deployment of American missiles in Europe

On 19 August 1983 the Greek newspapers published a letter
from the Greek Foreign Minister to his EEC counterparts
asking for a six-month postponement of the implementation
of the decision to deploy Pershing and Cruise missiles in
Europe.

Since European public opinion in its entirety considers this
measure essential as a means of defending the Western world
against the aggressive and expansionist plans of the
communists, can the President of the Council explain what
prompted him to take such an action, which makes Greece
look like a defender of Soviet policy?

Does the President of the Council also consider that this
comes within the Council's terms of reference and that this
was the most appropriate time - during the Greek
Presidency - for the taking of such a step?