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ORAL QUESTION (O-28/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mrs FOCKE, Mr GLINNE, Mrs DURY, Mr KÜHN, Mr KLINKENBORG,  
Mr LEZZI and Mr RIPA DI MEANA  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: The 1983 report of the BRANDT Commission

At the beginning of this year, the Independent Commission on International Development Issues, headed by Willy BRANDT, prompted by the persistent deterioration in the world economic situation and the continuing absence of cooperation at world level, revised certain proposals put forward three years ago and published a new memorandum:

~~Common crisis, North-South: cooperation for world recovery.~~

The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have already responded with a special action programme, announced on 23 February, which takes up some of the ideas contained in the memorandum.

1. Does the Commission of the European Communities, one of whose Members is also a member of the BRANDT Commission, intend to take steps in the near future to build on and implement the proposals put forward in this document?

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2. Does it not consider the WILLIAMSBURG summit, the meeting of the Council of Ministers in STUTTGART and the 6th UNCTAD conference are absolutely vital occasions at which the Community needs to have agreed on a common approach to North-South relations, capable of acting as a stimulus and an example to others, taking account of the role it plays in the international economic system and the special nature of its relations with 63 African, Caribbean and Pacific states and with numerous non-associated developing countries?
  
3. Does the Commission not take the view that the European Economic Community could sponsor a new North-South dialogue, which, avoiding a repetition of the errors made in CANCUN, would lay the policy foundations for a thoroughgoing reform of the IMF and the General Agreements to borrow, the reopening of global negotiations, the establishment of an energy agency and the achievement of secure food supplies?