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with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr KLEPSCH on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democratic Group) to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Consolidation of political cooperation structures

Following the meeting in Political Cooperation of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs on 12 October 1981 fresh impetus was given to the mechanism set up by the Luxembourg Report (1970) and the Copenhagen Report (1973)

Can the Commission provide Parliament with the following information:

1. What procedure has been introduced, for use in situations of crisis, to convene the Member States' representatives within 48 hours?

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2. What exactly is the make-up of the skeleton staff given the task of assisting the President-in-Office of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs meeting in Political Cooperation, and what are the facilities at its disposal?
3. What are the substance, limits and implications of the concept of 'political aspects of security', to which the Ministers have decided to refer to in future?
4. To what extent does the Council intend, as it said it would, to refer more frequently in its deliberations and statements to the resolutions adopted by the European Parliament on international affairs, security and human rights?
5. What is the role of the Commission in European Political Cooperation, and what part does it intend to play in bringing the present , essentially intergovernmental, mechanism, more closely into line with Community decision-making procedures?