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ORAL QUESTION (0-37/81)

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

by Mrs MAIJ-WEGGEN, Mr ALBER, Mrs SCHLEICHER,
Mr VERROKEN, Mr GHERGO and Mr MERTENS

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Delay by the Council in reaching
decisions on European draft directives
on the protection of the environment

Whereas:

- in 1973 and 1977 the Council adopted a Community action programme for the development of a European environmental policy,
- it has meanwhile emerged that many draft directives on environmental protection, put forward by the Commission and approved by Parliament, have for years been held up in the Council of Ministers without a positive decision being reached,
- the number of draft directives adopted by the Council of Ministers for the Environment over the last few years has, by comparison, been depressingly low,
- Community environmental policy can therefore scarcely be described as effective and credible,

Can the Commission describe the steps it intends to take with a view to breaking this deadlock?