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

by Mr PANNELLA, Mr BONINO, Mr VANDEMEULEBROUCKE,
Mr GENDEBIEN and Mr CAPANNA

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: The Nobel Prize Winners' manifesto
and the EEC's contribution to the fight
against world hunger

Why has the Commission failed to take action on
European Parliament Resolution No. 1375/81 on the
Nobel Prize Winners' manifesto and the EEC's con-
tribution to the fight against world hunger, forwarded
to the Community institutions on 9 October 1981?

Is the Commission aware that what the Commission
has been asked and has repeatedly failed to do
has nothing to do with the activities rightly
described by Commissioner PISANI as absurd or
harmful, but concerns an emergency plan and an
operational funding project which should have been
submitted to the Council 30 and 45 days respectively
following the adoption of the resolution? Is it
further aware that the European Parliament has
never asked it to assume sole responsibility for
implementing the emergency plan?

Does the Commission realize that by acting in this

manner it has in fact stood in the way of appropriate inter-institutional action and by preventing a Council decision in the matter, has obstructed the European Parliament's solemn appeal to save at least 5 million lives, this at a time when the highest representatives of the United Nations and the governments of the ten Member States had, acting with the utmost speed, agreed to the European Parliament's requests by declaring, for example, their readiness to contribute to the funding of the emergency plan?