

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

# Working Documents

1980 - 1981

---

17 November 1980

DOCUMENT 1-570/80

## Oral Questions

**Pursuant to Rule 47a of the Rules of Procedure**

**for QUESTION TIME**

**on 17 and 19 November 1980**



---

QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

---

1. Question by Mr PATTERSON (H-405/80)

Subject: Overseas students fees in the UK for Greek students

Is the decision of the United Kingdom Government to charge Greek students in British universities the full overseas rate of fee - £ 1380 to £ 5000 per annum - throughout the academic year 1980-81 compatible with the Treaties, having regard to the fact that students from other European Community Member States will only be charged the UK rate - £ 216 to £ 1105 - and to the fact that Greece becomes a full Member State of the Community on January 1, and if not, what steps does the Commission propose to take to ensure compliance by the UK Government with its Treaty obligations?

2. Question by Mrs NIELSEN (H-420/80)

Subject: National preferences in public procurement

In view of the increasingly common practice of giving preference to national undertakings in public procurement and in the formulation of tender specifications, will the Commission tell us precisely what it is doing to combat this practice, which is fragmenting the common market in breach of the Treaty of Rome, and will it state how many complaints of such discrimination on the basis of nationality it received in 1977, 1978 and 1979, naming the national authorities against which they were levelled?

3. Question by Mr MAHER (H-427/80)

Subject: Bank interest rates

With bank interest rates waiving between 7% in some Member States and almost 18% in others, the operation of truly common prices under the C A P is impossible; does the Commission have any proposals to make to ensure that this serious distortion is removed?

4. Question by Mr ADAM (H-433/80)

Subject: Non-Ferrous Metals Industries

Will the Commission give an undertaking to carry out an immediate investigation into the pricing, credit and delivery term policies in the non-ferrous metals industries in order to ensure fair trading within the Community?

5. Question by Mr COMBE (H-438/80)

Subject: Effect of Japanese imports on the Community colour television industry?

Given that the Community's electronics industry is an important source of innovation for all sectors of European industry, that the colour television industry is an essential element in the aforementioned Community industry that the most important component of a television set is the tube and that 48% of all television tubes in the world are manufactured in Japan, what does the Commission intend to do to protect Community manufacturers of television tubes against the inroads of the Japanese industry which is pursuing a policy similar to that already pursued in other fields?

6. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-444/80)

Subject: The economic situation in the Community

Because of the persistent crisis, reference is constantly made, and with good reason, to the weaknesses and alarming situations observed in various branches of industry in all the Member States of the Community.

Can the Commission say which industries are not affected by the crisis, or are actually expanding, so as to permit an accurate assessment of the overall industrial situation in the Community. This question is intended to apply to each sector individually. Do the Commission departments have a section dealing with the prevention of crisis situations?

7. Question by Mr WARNER (H-445/80)

Subject: The importation of perry-pear juice concentrate

In view of the fact that the Council's answer to the last question on this subject, tabled by Mr Scott-Hopkins on the 14th November 1979 (1), was highly unsatisfactory, and in view of the fact that this relatively small matter of principle has been under consideration for a number of years now, can the Commission tell the Parliament what progress it is making with the Austrian request for a tariff reduction on a quota of concentrated perry-pear juice?

8. Question by Mrs EWING (H-309/80)

Subject : Compensation to fishermen for encroachment by oil industry on fishing grounds

Will the Commission state what plans they have to draw up proposals to ensure that fishermen receive compensation for loss of grounds by encroachment thereon by the oil industry, in view of the proliferation of pipelines in the North Sea, and has the Commission the intention to introduce a code of practice to be imposed on oil companies by the Member States' Governments who grant licences to such companies?

9. Question by Mr VAN AERSSSEN (H-353/80)

Subject: Sixth International Tin Agreement

What position is the European Community adopting on the main issues of the Sixth International Tin Agreement negotiations, such as stabilization of tin prices, financing of buffer stocks, an export control clause, increasing tin production by granting royalties to producers, levying a tax on exports and so on?

---

(1) Oral Question H-246/79 - Debates No. 248, 14.11.1979, p. 160

10. Question by Sir Peter VANNECK (H-421/80)

Subject: Duty free US imports of defence equipment manufactured in the Community

Does the United States of America permit duty free entry of defence equipment and components for defence equipment which have been manufactured in the Community?

11. Question by Mr DE LA MALENE (H-458/80)

Subject: Voluntary limit on Japanese car exports to the United States

Does the Commission not fear that the call by the Japanese Minister for International Trade for a limit on Japanese car exports to the United States may have adverse effects on the European market?

12. Question by Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS (H-465/80)

Subject: Imports of Tufted Carpets from the USA

In view of their answer to oral question no. (H-363/80), to what level does the rise in the import of tufted carpets have to reach, over and above the 300 percent already achieved by the United States of America, before the Commission will impose quotas on these products?

13. Question by Mr DENIS (H-469/80)

Subject: Evasive answer by the Commission to  
Written Question No. 1058/80<sup>1</sup>

How can the Commission possibly be unable to give an exact figure for the profits which the five principal multinational agribusiness firms having their headquarters in one of the nine EEC member countries and doing business in the ACP countries acknowledge having made in each year since 1975, the date of the signing of the First Lomé Convention?

---

<sup>1</sup>OJ No C 269, 16 October 1980

14. Question by Mr Christopher JACKSON (H-470/80)

Subject: Apples

In view of the growing surplus of apple production in the European Community and the growth of potential markets for apple products elsewhere in the world, will the Commission undertake to investigate the possibilities for apple exports from Community to third country markets and the arrangements that might be made to shift expenditure from intervention to spearheading an export drive and does the Commission agree that this is one area where the Community may do without export restitutions and that the development of exports may, in time, eliminate the need for any Community financial aid for the apple industry?

15. Question by Mr MEGAHY (H-473/80)

Subject: State assistance to nationalised industries

What policies are currently being pursued by the Commission regarding state assistance to nationalised industries?

16. Question by Mr CECOVINI (H-475/80)

Subject: Energy economies in shipping

Having regard to the increasingly grave energy crisis caused by continuous increases in the price of petroleum and its derivatives and the difficulty of procuring supplies, and having regard to the crisis in shipbuilding, will the Commission recommend that the Member States adopt a policy aimed at replacing turbine with diesel engines in merchant ships, thereby achieving the following:

lower fuel consumption in absolute terms; a reduction in operating speeds, with a consequent higher demand for shipping which will also relieve the strain on the world shipbuilding industry by increasing orders; job opportunities in the ship conversion and repair industries; a general increase in employment levels in the shipbuilding and marine engineering industries?

17. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-476/80)

Subject: Link between the United Kingdom and the continent

Does the Commission see any possibilities of implementing as a Community venture the plans now being drafted in England to link the United Kingdom with the continent by constructing a combination of bridges, islands and tunnels?

18. Question by Mr HARRIS (H-477/80)

Subject: Removal of Rabbits' feet - Unfair Competition

United Kingdom rabbit producers are complaining that they face unfair trading conditions in exporting to France following a ruling by the French authorities that as from May 1979 all imported rabbit carcasses must have their feet removed. The ruling was to have applied to home produced carcasses from May 1980, but until recently at least, this had not been enforced against French producers. The ruling means that exporters of rabbit carcasses to France lose 6.5% to 7% of the saleable products, making additional work for the producers, increasing costs in total and reducing income from between 9p and 15p per kilogramme or up to £ 1 500 per load.

Will the Commission take action to ensure that exporters of rabbit carcasses to France do not have a commercial disadvantage?

19. Question by Mr PENDERS (H-478/80)

Subject : Education in European schools on the democratic character of European civilization

Is the Commission prepared, in view of the emergence of racist and anti-semitic sentiments and statements, to give an impetus to education in European schools, on the lines established in French schools, in the democratic, peace-loving, tolerant and pluralist character of European civilization?



20. Question by Mr DAVERN (H-482/80)

Subject : Farm incomes crisis in Ireland

Will the Commission take immediate steps to avert a crisis situation for farmers in Ireland where estimates indicate that more than 50 % of farms of all kinds produced a family farm income in 1979 of less than IR £ 2.000 ?

21. Question by Mr REMILLY (H-483/80) <sup>x</sup>

Subject : Reduced import levy on New Zealand butter

How can the Commission justify the reduction of the already small import levy on New Zealand butter when the Community has a large butter surplus?

---

<sup>x</sup>Will not be called if item 241 is kept on the agenda

22. Question by Mr DOUBLET (H-484/80)

Subject : Halt in motorway construction

Is the Commission not disturbed at the fact that certain countries have announced a halt in motorway construction when increased public investment is needed to stimulate economic activity?

23. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-485/80)

Subject: Projected loan from the oil-producing countries

The Finance Ministers of the Nine having, at a meeting in Müllerthal, devised a new loan plan to help Community countries in balance of payments difficulties, can the Commission state whether the Müllerthal projected mechanism is different from the procedures hitherto applied under what is known as the ORTOLI facility?

24. Question by Mr CLEMENT (H-486/80)

Subject: Emergency FAO meeting on the food-supply situation  
in Africa and relations with the Community

Has the Commission noted the conclusions of the FAO's emergency meeting on the food-supply situation in Africa? Are its conclusions consistent with the Commission's policy on food aid?

25. Question by Mr LYNGE (H-487/80)

Subject: Dutch ban on sealskin imports

In view of the fact that not all species of seal are threatened with extinction, what grounds did the Commission have for accepting the total ban imposed by the Netherlands on 4 September 1980 on the import of sealskin products in any form?

26. Question by Mr WELSH (H-488/80)

Subject: A Community system for vehicle type approval

Could the Commission explain what impediments exist to the establishment of a Community wide system of type approval for heavy goods vehicles and indicate what progress has been made to harmonize standards and ensure that these vehicles can be freely sold throughout the Common Market?

27. Question by Mr DELEAU (H-490/80)

Subject: Greece's entry into the Common Market

With Greece due to become a Member State of the European Community in January 1981, does the Commission intend to impose on Greek iron and steel undertakings the same measures adopted recently in respect of the Community iron and steel industry?

28. Question by Mr ANSQUER (H-492/80)

Subject: Commercial, financial and technological strategy  
in the motor vehicle sector

In order to avoid a repetition of previous errors made in the iron and steel and shipbuilding sectors, does not the Commission feel that it should pursue a coordinated commercial, financial and technological strategy in the motor vehicle sector?

29. Question by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI (H-495/80)

Subject: Compliance with international standards on working conditions

Can the Commission indicate what action has been taken on the proposal, contained in the memorandum of 16 February 1978 on the renewal of the Convention of Lomé, for the granting of Community concessions, particularly in the commercial sector, to all the developing countries, including those covered by the Convention of Lomé, to be made subject to compliance with certain basic international standards on working conditions?

30. Question by Mrs VAYSSADE (H-501/80)

Subject: Protection from harmful exposure to lead

The setting up of a lead battery factory by General Motors in Sarreguemines has given rise to grave concern amongst the people affected on both sides of the border.

Could the Commission give details of the progress made in enforcing the Directive of 29 March 1977 on the biological screening of the population for lead?

31. Question by Mr TURCAT (H-505/80)

Subject: The establishment of European standards for telematics

What is the Commission doing, and what does it intend to do, about establishing European standards to promote telematic communication within the Community, the setting up of European data banks and the market in European products, in order thus to safeguard the economic and cultural independence of the Community?

32. Question by Mr FANTON (H-506/80)

Subject: Greek exchange market

Is the Commission helping at present to set up a foreign exchange market in Athens and can it say on which of the Community's foreign exchange markets the drachma is expected to be subject to an official quotation when Greece enters the Community on 1 January 1981?

33. Question by Miss QUIN (H-509/80)

Subject: Japanese competition in the European machine-tool industry

Has the Commission made a study of how the machine-tool industry in the various countries of the EEC has been affected by Japanese competition and does it plan any initiatives on a European basis to withstand this competition?

34. Question by Mrs DESMOND (H-510/80)

Subject: Existing aid for redundant steel workers

Can the Commission outline what sources of aid are available at present for redundant workers in the steel industry, pending the agreement of the measures currently under discussion?

35. Question by Mr BOYES (H-511/80)

Subject: Integrated Operations

In view of the answer to my oral question in October (H-461/80) (1) in which the Commission states that it is working on a project at Naples; it is considering a project in Belfast; it has neither the resources nor the staff to consider any further areas for the project, would the Commission inform Parliament how and when it expects to determine whether or not the experiment has failed or succeeded?

36. Question by Mr MARSHALL (H-513/80)

Subject : U.K. exports to the other Members of the E.E.C.

Can the Commission make available figures indicating by how much U.K. exports to other Community countries have grown since 1973; what percentage of U.K. exports now go to other E.E.C. countries; how the rate of growth of U.K. exports to other E.E.C. countries compares with the growth of U.K. exports in general.

37. Question by Mr Mc CARTIN (H-515/80)

Subject : Grant Aiding Uranium prospecting in Donegal Ireland

Is the Commission aware that they are grant aiding uranium prospecting in Donegal Ireland and in view of this fact can it give assurances that this venture is not potentially dangerous to workers engaged in the venture, potentially dangerous to the environment, potentially dangerous to the Community living in the area of prospecting? Has the Commission any mechanism whereby there is an on going system of monitoring the effects of prospecting?

---

<sup>1</sup>

Debates, Report of proceedings, 13.10.1980, p.46

38. Question by Mr BOCKLET (H-520/80)

Subject: Sales promotion for butter

Does the Commission intend before the end of 1980 to promote schemes for the sale of butter at reduced prices (e.g. Christmas butter) to the citizens of the Community and if this is not the case, why not?

39. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-521/80)

Subject : Gibraltar

What consideration has the Commission given to the continuing Spanish blockade of Gibraltar; have they made representations to the Spanish government about the need to restore overland communication between Gibraltar and Spain, to accord with European law and the April 1980 Lisbon agreement and what account have they taken during the current negotiations on Spanish accession, with particular respect to the migration of workers, of Gibraltar's special demographic situation?

40. Question by Mr NICOLSON (H-523/80)

Subject : Importation, regulation and chartering of yachts

Does the Commission have any plans to address the harmonisation of regulations regarding the importation, regulation and chartering of yachts throughout the member countries of the EEC?

41. Question by Mrs MARTIN (H-524/80)

Subject: Exports of Community cereals to third countries

Is the Commission aware that its present over-cautious market policy in the cereals sector is likely to prevent the conclusion of important contracts with third countries, particularly China, at a time when there are excellent opportunities for selling Community cereals to these countries?

42. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-529/80)

Subject : European Transonic Wind Tunnel

When will the Commission communicate an updated research and development programme in the aeronautical sector in general and in particular a proposal to establish a Community Transonic Wind Tunnel Facility?

43. Question by Miss HOOPER (H-531/80)

Subject : Community levy on lactalbumin imports

Why do manufacturers in the Community have to pay an import levy of £ 755 per 1000 Kg on lactalbumin, which has to be imported from New Zealand, since it is not a product produced or otherwise available within the Community, and the levy paid by EEC companies makes them uncompetitive compared to the Americans, who import the same lactalbumin from New Zealand but do not have to pay the levy?

44. Question by Mr STEWART-CLARK (H-532/80)

Subject : Poultry industry

Is the Commission satisfied that Community regulations in the poultry industry are being observed properly in all countries of the Community, and in particular, is inspection being carried out uniformly, are birds being correctly graded, is water content properly controlled, and are low interest rates and exemptions for Social Security Benefits giving unfair advantage to any Member States?

45. Question by Mr PURVIS (H-533/80)

Subject : The use of recycled paper and board in food packaging

What steps is the Commission taking to encourage the use of recycled paper and board in food packaging?

46. Question by Mr VAN MIERT (H-534/80)

Subject: Grain embargo against the Soviet Union

Since the grain embargo imposed against the Soviet Union at the beginning of this year has not achieved the desired result and has not been respected by certain countries, does the Commission not consider that it is time to review this measure and drawn the appropriate conclusions?

47. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-537/80)<sup>x</sup>

Subject: National Conservation Limits for Fisheries

Does the Commission agree that national conservation limits are the only realistic way of ensuring the continued existence of the fishing industry in those peripheral areas traditionally dependent on fisheries?

---

<sup>x</sup>Will not be called if items 238 and 239 are kept on the agenda



---

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

---

48. Question by Mr SEAL (H-270/80)

Subject: Compulsory origin marking

Has the Council discussed, or does it intend to discuss, the question of compulsory origin marking for consumer goods, in particular textile and clothing products?

49. Question by Mr HUTTON (H-329/80)

Subject: Influence of the European Parliament

Does the Council feel that the European Parliament has had a significant influence on decisions of the Council and if so, could it send me a list of these decisions?

50. Question by Mr PEDINI (H-414/80)<sup>x</sup>

Subject: Seat of the European Parliament

Article 77 of the ECSC Treaty, Article 216 of the EEC Treaty and Article 189 of the EAEC Treaty provide that the seat of the institutions of the Community 'shall be determined by common accord of the Governments of the Member States'.

In a memorandum of 16 September 1980 the French Government proposed to the Governments of the other Member States that the City of Strasbourg should be chosen as the seat of the European Parliament. If the Governments of the Member States eventually decide to tackle the question of the seat of the European Parliament, Parliament itself will have no option but simply to await the outcome since it will be given no say in the decision.

Since this is a matter that directly concerns the European Parliament and since it is quite able to make an informed assessment of the suitability of the seat chosen to its functional requirements, what reasons could there possibly be for refusing to delegate this choice to the European Parliament?

---

<sup>x</sup> Will not be called if item 233 is kept on the agenda.

51. Question by Mr ADAM (H-434/80)

Subject: Regional Policies

Will the Council immediately call for a detailed report on the comparison of the regional policies of the Member States with particular reference to the effect of these policies on:

- a) unemployment
- b) economic convergence?

52. Question by Mr MEGAHY (H-437/80)

Subject: Tuition costs of Greek students

What arrangements are being made by the Member Governments with respect to the tuition costs of Greek students commencing courses in the autumn term of 1980 in the light of the fact that Greece enters the Community on 1 January 1981?

53. Question by Mr SEELER (H-442/80)

Subject: Commission negotiating mandate for a new agreement with Canada on uranium supplies

In a discussion on trade relations between the Community and the Commonwealth countries, the Canadian ambassador in Brussels stated that the Council had not so far granted the Commission a mandate to negotiate a new agreement on the supply of uranium to the Community, even though the existing agreement expired at the end of 1980. Why has no negotiating mandate yet been granted and will such a mandate be granted in the immediate future?

54. Question by Sir Frederick WARNER (H-446/80)

Subject: The importation of perry-pear juice concentrate

In view of the fact that this relatively small matter of principle has been under consideration for a number of years now, can the Council tell the Parliament what progress they are making with the Austrian request for a tariff reduction on a quota of concentrated perry-pear juice?

55. Question by MF ANTONIOZZI (H-395/80)

Subject: Respect of human rights in Poland

With reference to the current situation in Poland, what measures will the Council take to support Polish workers in their struggle for economic, social and institutional progress, so as to enable them to attain their just objective of securing respect of human rights in the spirit of the joint commitment of Helsinki, and does it expect to conclude agreements to give all possible support to the Polish economy?

56. Question by Mrs EWING (H-419/80)

Subject: Land Purchases in Scotland

In view of the unique nature of land and its inherent value to the citizens of all Member States, what view does the Council take on the enormous purchases of land in Scotland by

1. Third Country Companies and Individuals whether residents of Scotland or not, and
2. by absentee purchasers from other Member States?

57. Question by Mr PRAG (H-447/80)

Subject: A European Charter for the Disabled

Does the Council agree that the disabled (both physically and mentally) have suffered greatly from the cuts in public expenditure undertaken of late by Member States, and that, despite the almost total lack of provision in the Community Treaties for help to the disabled it is high time the Council began work on a European Charter for the Disabled?

58. Question by Mr DE LA MALENE (H-459/80)

Subject: Change in the method of determining the value of special drawing rights

In view of the recent change in the method of calculating the value of special drawing rights, what is the Council's reaction to the fact that the new weighting reveals significant differences, in particular an increase in the weight given to the dollar?

59. Question by Mr SEEFELD (H-497/80) (x)

Subject: Future of Eurocontrol

What steps does the Council intend to take to implement the recommendations adopted by the European Parliament by a large majority on 10 July 1980, concerning the role of Eurocontrol as part of a coordinated European air traffic management and control system, at the meeting of the Permanent Commission on 20 November 1980?

---

<sup>x</sup>Former oral question with debate (0-49/80) converted into a question for Question Time

60. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-466/80)

Subject: Construction of a building for the General Secretariat  
of the Council

With reference to the article by Philippe Lemaitre in 'Le Monde',  
7 October 1980, I should like to ask the Council the following  
question on the subject of the construction of a building for its  
General Secretariat:

Does the Council not think it is high time, in view of:

- the continuing difficulties surrounding the plans submitted by  
five different construction firms, all of which failed to pass  
the scrutiny of the Staff Committee who rejected all five plans  
as impracticable;
- the recommendation of the Court of Auditors which believes  
that, because of the tremendously high rents that have to be  
paid, the Community institutions should build their own working  
premises;

to take in hand the construction of a new building for the General  
Secretariat of the Council and to earmark Community funds for the  
construction of a functional office building which the Community  
will own?

61. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-471/80)

Subject: Consultation procedure and setting up of a committee in the  
field of transport infrastructure

What benefits does the Council believe has accrued and will accrue from  
its decision of 20th February 1978 to institute a consultation procedure  
and set up a committee in the field of transport infrastructure?

62. Question by Mr DAVERN (H-479/80)

Subject: Beef Market

Does the Council agree with the views expressed in a recent study by the German Ministry of Agriculture, which states that the EEC beef market is now close to self-sufficiency and that concessions on imports in future should only be granted in extreme cases?

63. Question by Mr REMILLY (H-480/80)

Subject : Aid to the wood processing and  
construction industries

Since the Council has not been asked to consider any proposal from the Commission on possible financial aid to the wood processing and construction industries, does it have any proposals in mind for this sector, which is of fundamental importance to the future of the European economy?

64. Question by Mr WELSH (H-489/80)

Subject: Implementation of Directive 70/156/EEC - Community-wide system  
of standardized vehicle-approval

Could the Council explain why Directive 70/156/EEC covering the establishment of a Community-wide system of standardized vehicle type-approval has not been implemented?

65. Question by Mr DELEAU (H-491/80)

Subject: Technological contradiction

Is not the desire to seek to improve the competitive position of the Community's motor vehicle industry at any price in contradiction with the current surplus production capacity, which is likely to increase in the future?

66. Question by Mr ANSQUER (H-493/80)

Subject: Hormones in feedingstuffs

Can the Council indicate whether the problem of hormones in feedingstuffs had already been raised earlier at Council level, in particular when the Directive of 23 November 1970 concerning additives in feedingstuffs was adopted?

67. Question by Lady ELLES (H-494/80)

Subject: Reciprocal health benefits for the self-employed and non-employed

What prospects are there that when it meets on 27 November the Council of Social Affairs Ministers will be able to agree on the extension to the self-employed and non-employed of Regulations 1408/71 and 574/72?

68. Question by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI (H-496/80)

Subject: Compliance with international standards on working conditions

Can the Council indicate why it has taken no action on the proposal, contained in the memorandum of 16 February 1978 on the renewal of the Convention of Lomé, for the granting of Community concessions, particularly in the commercial sector, to all the developing countries, including those covered by the Convention of Lomé, to be made subject to compliance with certain basic international standards on working conditions?

69. Question by Mr BETTIZA (H-498/80)

Subject: TV and radio programmes by satellite

Some countries in the Community are planning to transmit television and radio programmes by satellite. Does the Council consider that it might be possible in this framework to set up a European channel? If so, might it include Community programmes?



70. Question by Mr CRONIN (H-502/80)

Subject: Dangerous and illegal chemical waste being dumped off the Irish coast

Will the Council take immediate steps to ensure that the Irish seas are not used as a dumping ground for highly dangerous and illegal waste by other European countries, particularly chemical waste including PCBs (polychlorinated bipheuyls) which can be passed through the food chain and into humans?

71. Question by Mr FANTON (H-503/80)

Subject: Voluntary restraint agreements between the EEC, Australia and New Zealand

Can the Council give details of the agreements negotiated with New Zealand and Australia on sheepmeat; have the difficulties which were expected at one stage been ironed out? Can the Council give an assurance that the voluntary restraint agreements will be rigorously enforced?

72. Question by Mr TURCAT (H-504/80)

Subject: Long-term space policy

What does the Council intend to do in the area of long-term space policy on launchers and space stations, over and above previous projects and statements of general policy?

73. Question by Miss QUIN (H-508/80)

Subject: Directive on safety and environmental standards for ships using EEC ports

What progress has been made by the Council in consideration of the proposed directive on safety and environmental standards for ships using EEC ports?

74. Question by Mr PRICE (H-516/80)

Subject: New building to be erected for the Council in Brussels

In respect of the new building which is proposed to be erected for the Council in Brussels, will the Council confirm that the construction contract will be open for tender by contractors from all Community countries and state where advertisements inviting tenders will be placed?

75. Question by Mrs ROUDY (H-518/80)

Subject: Council meeting on consumer affairs

At the European meetings of consumer organizations held in Paris from 15 to 17 October 1980, Mr Helminger stated on behalf of the Luxembourg presidency that the Council was willing to convene a meeting of the Council of Ministers on consumer affairs before the end of the year.

Can the Council state when it intends to convene this meeting and what subjects will appear on the agenda?

76. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-519/80)

Subject: Improvement of institutional procedures with a view to the enlargement of the EEC

During the September 1980 part-session of the European Parliament the President of the Council replied to my question (H-331/80)<sup>1</sup> on the same subject indicating that the European Council would adopt a position on a report by the Foreign Ministers on 1 December.

Can the Council tell Parliament how, between the first and thirty-first of December, it will be possible to implement measures to improve the institutional procedures with a view to the second enlargement of the Community, to employ the terminology used by the European Council?

<sup>1</sup> Debates No. 260 p.178

77. Question by Mr NICOLSON (H-522/80)

Subject : Eurótra proposal to automate Community translation

Does the Council expect an early and favourable decision of the EUROTRA proposal to automate Community translation, bearing in mind the extremely high proportion of administrative expenses due to the need to translate between 6 languages at present and the pending increase of this problem with the accession of new members to the Community?



---

QUESTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEETING IN POLITICAL COOPERATION

---

78. Question by Mr LOMAS (H-376/80)

Subject: Arms sales to Indonesia

Given the Indonesian Government's genocidal policies against the people of East Timor, 150 000 of whom have died as a result of Indonesia's attempted annexation of the territory, what is the view of the Council on the increase in arms sales by Member States to the Indonesian military since the 1975 invasion of East Timor?

79. Question by Mr SPICER (H-463/80)

Subject: Surveillance and security of the Community's oil supply routes

In the light of the conflict between Iraq and Iran, what steps are the foreign ministers taking to ensure the physical security of vessels transporting oil from the Gulf oil supplying states to fuel social and economic life in the Community?

80. Question by Mrs LIZIN (H-472/80)

Subject: Attitude of the Nine to the right of representation  
of the POL POT regime at the UN

What stage has been reached in consultations among the Nine on the attitude to be adopted to the representative of the Cambodian regime, and is it true that an attitude favourable to allowing the representative of POL POT to sit as the representative of Cambodia is emerging?

81. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-481/80)

Subject: The Turkish regime's attitude to observance of human rights

Since the military coup d'etat in Turkey in September have the foreign ministers noted any change in that country's commitment to respect for human rights?

82. Question by Mr BOYES (H-512/80)

Subject: Discussions with non-aligned countries

Would the President-in-Office inform Parliament about what has been achieved by discussions with the Chairman (or his representative) of the non-aligned countries?

83. Question by Mrs EWING (H-525/80)

Subject : Foreign Ministers' stance on Human Rights at the Madrid Conference

Will the Foreign Ministers make a statement on their stand point on human rights at the Madrid Conference?

84. Question by Mr ISRAEL (H-530/80)

Subject : Concerted Community action on the Middle East

At UNESCO's General Assembly in Belgrade the nine Community countries were unable to present a united front when it came to voting on a resolution concerning the educational and cultural establishments in the occupied Arab lands (21 C/PRG V/DR8 of 14 October 1980). Eight of them voted against the resolution and one abstained.

Can the President of the Council of Ministers explain this state of affairs and indicate what is the point of the various declarations of intent such as that made at Venice and of the President of the Council's personal mission to the Middle East when the need for concerted Community action is not respected?

