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ORAL QUESTION with debate
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council of the European Communities
Subject: Political rights of migrant workers

At a colloquy on the political rights of migrant workers held in Brussels during the weekend of 23/24 February 1974 by the 'Santi Institute', Mr Ernest Glinne, the Belgian Employment Minister, delivered a long and interesting speech on this problem.

Mr Glinne informed the participants that at the Paris summit Belgium had supported the idea of granting migrant workers the right to vote at municipal level in all the Member States after five years of residence.

1. Is it true that the Italian Minister did not support the proposal made at the February 1973 Council meeting by the Belgian representative that the migrant workers of the Community be granted the right to vote in municipalities?

2. What is the position of the Federal Republic of Germany on this important matter, that State being the principal host country for the migrant workers of the Community?
3. Would the Council be prepared to recommend that the Member States try for themselves the - successful - Belgian experiment of setting up advisory committees of immigrants attached to the municipal councils and elected by universal suffrage?
4. Would the Council welcome a Commission proposal on these lines?