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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Current employment situation in the Community

As a result of the energy crisis, inflation and the consequent anti-inflationary measures taken by various Member States, the employment situation in the whole Community has deteriorated, as can be seen from dismissals, especially of migrant workers, reduction of working hours, suspension of recruitment, etc.

In the report it submitted to the Council on 2 May 1974, 'Employment and the energy situation - A report on the repercussions of the energy crisis on the

employment situation of the Community' (SEC (74) 1358 fin.), the Commission formulated a number of conclusions and proposals which might help to keep the consequences of the energy crisis within acceptable limits.

Can the Commission therefore state:

1. What information it can provide on the current situation?
2. What Community measures it intends to propose to the Council to avoid aggravation of the crisis?