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ORAL QUESTION with debate
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr PATIJN
on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Bilateral economic, industrial and
technological cooperation agreements

In reply to Written Question No. 300/73¹ the Commission stated that the Federal Republic of Germany had indeed kept it informed and consulted it in connection with cooperation agreements with statetrading countries, but that France had not.

In its replies to Oral Questions Nos. 749/73 and 756/73² the Commission disclosed that it had received no information or documents at all relating to cooperation agreements concluded between Member States and oil-producing countries.

¹ See OJ No. C 49 of 27 April 1974, p. 1

² See OJ No. (answered on 17 May 1974)

In connection with the above the Council is requested to answer the following questions:

1. What progress has the Council made in discussions on a decision relating to cooperation agreements between Member States and third countries³ ?
2. Does the Council agree with the questioner that cooperation agreements with oil-producing countries should evidently be fully covered by a decision as proposed by the Commission, in the same way as cooperation agreements with state-trading countries? If not, why not?
3. What progress has the Council made in discussions of the Commission's Memorandum of 8 February 1974 on relations between the Community and energy-producing countries? What instructions has the Council already issued, or is about to issue, to the Commission in response to this Memorandum?

³ Cf. the Commission's proposal (Doc. COM (73) 1275 fin.) and Parliament's report on this proposal (Doc. 359/73)