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ORAL QUESTION (0-38/75)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mr Niels Anker KOFOED on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Harmonization of export aid systems

Notwithstanding the precise objectives fixed by the EEC Treaty in regard to the harmonization of systems to aid exports to third countries, the uniform principles on export policy (Articles 112 and 113 of the EEC Treaty), and the action taken by the Commission in the matter of insurance, the harmonization of interest rates on credits for exports to industrial and state-trading countries, and guarantees for investment in third countries, little progress has been made with limiting distortions in competition among Community exporters and harmonizing systems of financing.

1. Is the Commission in a position to provide a comparative survey of the principal systems of export aid operated in the industrial sector of the EEC Member States ?
2. Does it feel that the present systems of export aid create distortions of competition in the Community's industrial exports ?

3. Could it state what stage has been reached with the harmonization of these systems ?
4. How much importance does it attach to the international agreements on export aid already concluded ?
5. Does it expect an agreement soon on the creation of a European Community export bank which will improve the competitive position of EEC industrial exporters ?
6. How does it envisage that a Community export bank will effectively harmonize export aid systems within the Community ?