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ORAL QUESTION (O-184/82)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
tabled by Mr PIQUET on behalf of the Communist Group  
and Mr THAREAU, Mr EYRAUD, Mr JAQUET, Mr SUTRA and  
Mrs DESOUCHES

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Sales of American agricultural products to Egypt

As Mr BLOCK, Secretary of State for Agriculture, recently testified to the American Senate, the United States is determined to 'pursue its aggressive export policy for agricultural products', concentrating particularly on traditional Community markets.

Following its sales of wheat flour, it is to sell 24,000 tonnes of butter and 12,000 tonnes of cheese to Egypt on terms which are in breach of the rules of GATT.

These operations, which come at the very time when discussions are being held between the Community and the United States, demonstrate that the pledges of good faith given by the Commission have been totally ineffective.

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1. Could the Commission inform Parliament of the exact terms of these sales and their repercussions?
2. Is the Commission determined to adopt a more resolute stance in keeping with the importance for the economy of what is at stake?
3. Is the Commission prepared to propose counter-measures and to equip itself with the financial resources required to ensure that such events do not recur?