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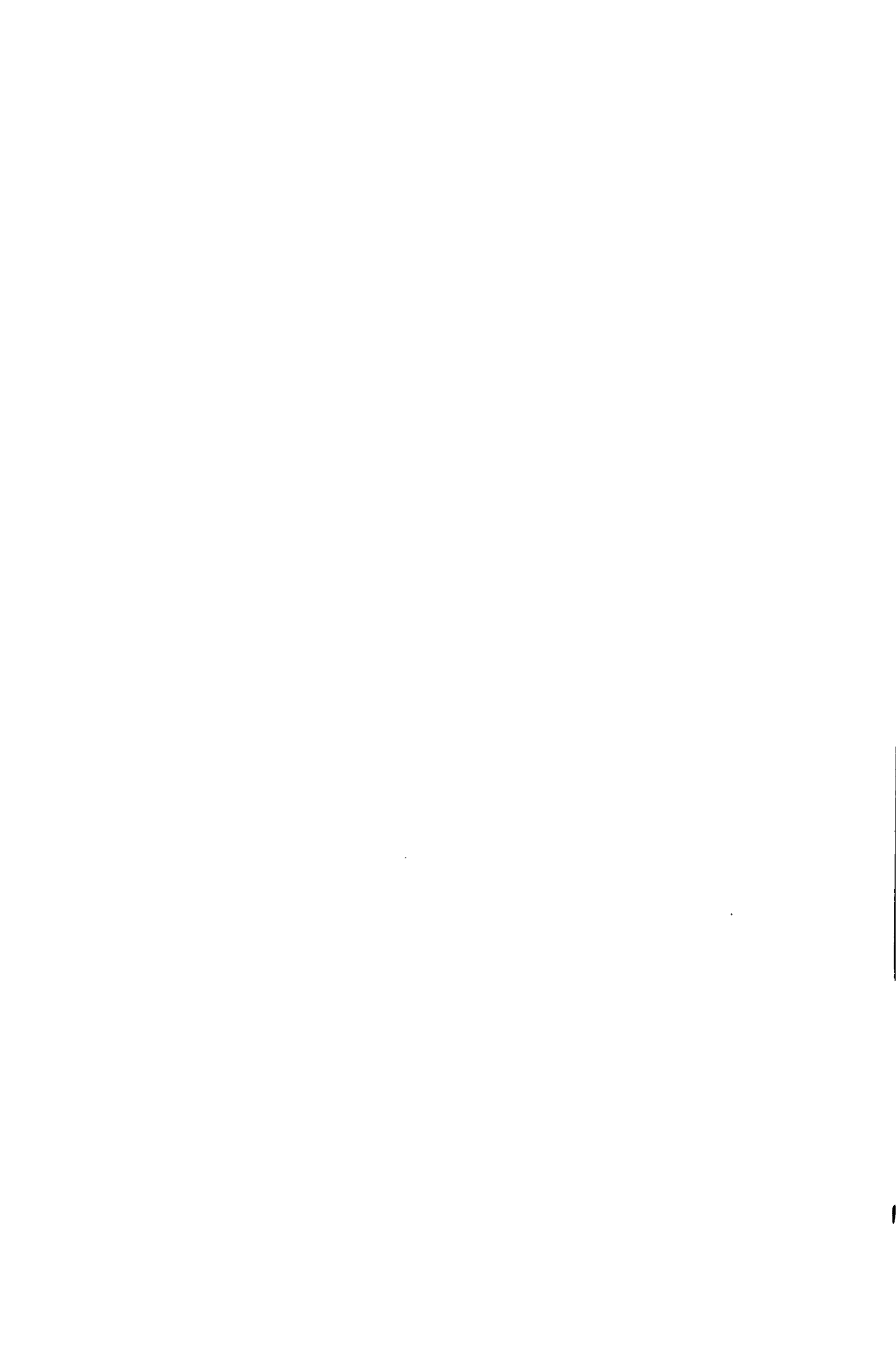
ORAL QUESTIONS

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1. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-113/82)

Subject: Danger of increasing budget deficits

In view of the disturbing increase in the budget deficits of European countries, what recommendations are envisaged by the Commission? Does it not consider that urgent measures should be taken to secure greater rigour in the management of public funds in all Member States on the part of central and local authorities alike?

2. Question by Mr DALZIEL (H-183/82)

Subject: Rules on competition

In view of the fact that Porsche of Stuttgart in their dealings and contracts, including their standard importer agreements, does not consider itself obliged to sell in Germany the right-hand drive cars of UK specification which it supplies to its dealers in the UK, what investigations are being undertaken by the Commission concerning this and other breaches by motor manufacturers of the rules on competition in articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty?

3. Question by MR BERKOUWER (H-213/82)

Subject: Frontier checks

What steps does the Commission intend to take to put an end to the new delays occurring at the Dutch-Belgian frontier as a result of customs inspection of motorists' luggage?

4. Question by Mrs WEBER (H-216/82)

Subject: Measures following the reports 'Global 2000' and 'Global future - time to act' to the United States President

In my oral question (0-54/81) of 29 October 1981 I called upon the Commission to take practical measures in response to the findings of the reports 'Global 2000' and 'Global future - time to act'. In the debate on 19 November 1981 Commissioner Narjes referred to the possible constitution of a committee of experts.

Has the Commission now defined in more detail the aims and tasks of such a committee of experts and have its members now been appointed ?

5. Question by Mrs VAYSSADE (H-217/82)

Subject: Relations between Vietnam and ASEAN

There have been reports of contacts between Vietnam and ASEAN and also certain ASEAN states. These reports also indicate participation by Vietnam in ASEAN working parties.

Have these reports reached the ears of the Commission ? What conclusions does it draw with regard to the resumption of its aid to Vietnam ?

6. Question by Mr KIRK (H-274/82)

Subject: Compatibility with Treaties of Danish Law on heat supplies

Does the Commission consider the Danish law amending law No. L197 on heat supplies particularly paragraph 27(2) & (3) thereof and the way in which it is applied by the State-owned natural gas company DONG A/S to be compatible with Article 90, 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty and, if so, on what considerations can price differentiation be based?

7. Question by Mr ISRAEL (H-232/82)

Subject: Nicaragua

On 17 June 1982 Commissioner Pisani informed the European Parliament that Nicaragua had agreed to admit a commission of inquiry into human rights in that country. Does the Commission now intend to ask the Parliament to set up this delegation or does it wish Parliament itself to take the initiative?

8. Question by Mr KAZAZIS (H-246/82)

Subject: ERDF Programme in Greece

When does the Commission intend to put forward proposals for the implementation in Greece of programmes within the framework of the non-quota section of the ERDF and what are the reasons for this delay?

9. Question by Mr JUNOT (H-249/82)

Subject: North Sea gas

According to world experts, if an estimated 30,000 million dollars were invested in their exploitation, the natural gas deposits in the North Sea could provide the Community with a supply of gas equal to that which the Member States have negotiated with the Soviet Union.

Can the Commission provide further details in this connection? Does it not consider that there is an urgent need to carry out the requisite studies on the exploitation and medium-term yield of the natural gas deposits in the North Sea?

10. Question by Mr PAULHAN (H-250/82)

Subject: Photo-voltaic solar power station on the Greek island of Kythnos

Can the Commission provide information concerning the photo-voltaic solar power station which is now being built on the Greek island of Kythnos as a project partly subsidised by the Community?

Is the Commission planning any other projects of this type and, if so, are they to form part of a general plan for the medium-term development of solar energy in the Community?

11. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-742/81)

Subject: Severance pay

Is the Commission able to award severance pay and resettlement grants to employees not connected with the steel industry who are made redundant by structural changes induced by national government or EEC policies?

12. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-85/82)

Subject: Relations between the Community and Yugoslavia

As several prominent figures have visited Yugoslavia lately, can the Commission give its views on the present state of relations between the Community and Yugoslavia both in the economic sector and in political terms ?

13. Question by Mr GONTIKAS (H-132/82)

Subject: Filling of A 2 posts by Greek nationals

Could the Commission state why there is a delay in filling the two A 2 posts for Greek nationals, even though the short-list has been drawn up and the successful candidates selected?

14. Question by Mr SKOVMAND (H-168/82)

Subject: Axle weights of goods vehicles

Can the Commission state what proportion of the annual cost of road maintenance is attributable to goods vehicles with a high axle weight (over 8 tonnes), and can it be established whether this expenditure is distributed fairly evenly between the Member States, or whether countries with a notably severe climate, such as Denmark, are being particularly hard hit ?

15. Question by Mr FORTH (H-266|82) (x)

Subject: Falkland Islands

Can the Commission confirm:

1. That the Falkland Islands and Dependencies are included in Annex IV, overseas countries and territories, of the Treaty of Rome?
2. That the Falkland Islands and Dependencies are, in common with all of the other overseas countries and territories referred to in that Annex, the responsibility of the EEC?
3. That the responsibility includes not only the protection against aggression and hostility, but the 'constant improvement of the living and working conditions of their peoples', and 'to preserve and strengthen peace and liberty'?

16. Question by Mrs LE ROUX (H-203/82)

Subject: Harmonization of social provisions on jobs in the fisheries sector

Has the Commission carried out studies enabling it to make proposals on social provisions in the fisheries sector ?

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(x) Former oral question without debate (0-46/82), converted into a question for question time



17. Question by Mr BONDE (H-210/82)

Subject: Principle of legality

Does the Commission agree that what is known as the principle of legality applies to all decisions taken by the Community and that any Community decision should have a definite basis under the Treaties ?

18. Question by Mr PRANCHERE (H-233/82)

Subject: Statement by a Commissioner on national aids

In a speech made in Oxford on 5 January 1982, Commissioner Tugendhat is reported as saying, with regard to national aids (Agra-Europe of 8 January), that in the face of stubbornness on the part of a Member State, our powers of control were limited, but that we did have a means of exerting pressure which was to refuse to reimburse a country's expenditure under the CAP; for his part, he would certainly endeavour to use the full scope of this device in the future.

Can the Commission make it clear whether it is bound by this statement, and whether it intends to propose the implementation of such plans ?

19. Question by Mr BOYES (H-242/82)

Subject: Manufacture of 245 t

Would the Commission inform the members of Parliament the names of the company(ies) which manufacture and/or supply the chemical 245 t in the Community?

20. Question by Mr SEAL (H-262/82)

Subject: 245-T

In view of the findings of the Acheson report which links exposure to 245-T with soft tissue cancer, will the Commission now reconsider their recommendations on the use and manufacture of 245-T in the Community and produce a Regulation instituting a complete ban on such use and manufacture?

21. Question by Mr TYRRELL (H-251/82)

Subject: Competition decisions

Will the Commission please state how many decisions it took under Articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty in 1981, and the number of notifications awaiting a decision at the end of that year ?

22. Question by Mr PRAG (H-252/82)

Subject: Access for disabled people to buildings

The inadequacy of measures to ensure that new and restored buildings provide access and other facilities for disabled people - eg ramps, lavatories, parking - is demonstrated by the number of buildings still being completed without provision of any facilities for disabled people, and by the number of buildings with inadequate or ill-conceived facilities.

The types of facilities needed have already been fully researched, and in some cases national legislation, adequate or inadequate, already exists.

What is the Commission doing to ensure that such legislation is extended to all Community countries and properly enforced ?

23. Question by Mr ANTONIOZZI (H-253/82)

Subject: Community programme for tourism

Following the recent and welcome assignment of responsibility for tourism to a Commissioner, in response to a request by Parliament, can the Commission make known its guidelines for programmes and action in the tourist sector ?

24. Question by Mr BALFE (H-254/82)

Subject: Funds to NGOs

Does the Commission agree that by making funds available to such NGOs as United Nations Associations in Member States it would be assisting with the call from the 1st Special Session on Disarmament in 1978 for governments to finance NGOs which develop programmes of education for disarmament and peace ?

25. Question by Mrs POIRIER (H-256/82)

Subject: Limitation of imports of cereal substitutes

Has the Commission opened consultations with the United States with a view to reaching restraint agreements on United States exports of cereal substitutes to the Community, in particular of maize gluten, as recommended in the European Parliament's resolution on agricultural prices for 1982/1983 ?

26. Question by Mr CLINTON (H-257/82)

Subject: Payment of MCAs

Is the Commission aware that the UK Intervention Board has ruled that MCAs will not be paid to Irish importers of pigs from Northern Ireland unless the importers have offices in Northern Ireland where records are kept available? What steps does the Commission propose to take to put a stop to this unwarranted practice which is interfering with Community trade?

27. Question by Mrs LIZIN (H-259/82)

Subject: Retrograde Belgian legislation on equality between the sexes

The Commission has stated on several occasions that the adoption of a directive, whatever the deadline for its implementation, implies that no legislation contrary to that directive will be adopted by a Member State during the intervening period. On this basis, the Belgian unemployment legislation regarding cohabitants is open to challenge. Why has the Commission not yet taken action against Belgium, given also that a complaint has been lodged by the Belgian groups concerned?

28. Question by Mr McCARTIN (H-263/82)

Subject: Co-responsibility levy on milk

In its sixth Communication to the Council concerning utilisation of the co-responsibility levy the Commission indicated that more than 330 000 000 ECU in receipts from the levy had not been allocated up to 31 December 1981. In November 1981 the European Parliament adopted a resolution (on the draft supplementary and amending budget no. 2/81) requesting the carry over of unallocated funds to 1982 for use in the programmes to increase milk consumption.

Has this been done and for the present year are all the receipts from the levy being spent on measures to increase milk consumption?

29. Question by Mr CALVEZ (H-269/82)

Subject: Financing of social security schemes in Europe

Does the Commission envisage drawing up a recommendation on the coordination of European social security systems so as to achieve the first step towards harmonization; if so, does it consider it appropriate to propose in the near future initial measures such as better organization of hospitals and an increase in the contributions of consumers towards medical expenses so as to increase their sense of responsibility?

30. Question by Mr TURNER (H-270/82)

Subject: Sugar quotas

Will the Commission be making permanent re-allocation of ACP Lomé sugar quotas to existing suppliers before considering the claims of new producers and consider the claims of the existing Lomé suppliers of sugar for a share in the re-allocation of shortfalls before proceeding further with the application from the Ivory Coast?

31. Question by Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN (H-272/82)

Subject: Employment policy for the disabled

Could the Commission state how many registered disabled people are employed by the Commission?

32. Question by Mr CECOVINI (H-273/82)

Subject: Austerity budgets in the EEC countries

The Commission has presumably welcomed the efforts made by the German and Italian Governments to limit their national budget deficits in 1983. What recommendations does it therefore intend to put forward for the coordination of the budget policies of the ten Member States, which is essential if the European Monetary System is to be properly financed?

33. Question by Mrs DURY (H-275/82)

Subject: Proposals concerning the rights of workers

Does the Commission intend to make new proposals concerning the rights of workers in industry and thus contribute to the further development of the European social area?

34. Question by Mr MØLLER (H-276/82)

Subject: Taxes levied on employers by Sweden

With reference to my Oral Question No. H-773/80<sup>1</sup> to the Commission, I have since learnt that the problem confronting a number of Danish firms which have been systematically required by the Swedish authorities to pay employers' contributions in respect of sales they have made through commercial agents on the Swedish market, even to the extent of such contributions being backdated, has now also come to affect other European firms, amongst others, in Norway, Austria and West Germany. According to the information in my possession, the Swedish authorities have done nothing to clarify the apparently different rules which apply to non-Swedish firms.

Can the Commission say whether the Danish and West German authorities will adopt the same approach to the matters in question and what steps the Commission will take to ensure that no discrimination occurs between firms of different Community countries in their relations with Sweden, regardless of the fact that the social security of commercial agents in Sweden is financed in a manner which is not covered by the provisions of the free trade agreement?

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<sup>1</sup> Debates of the European Parliament No. 268

35. Question by Mr DELEAU (H-278/82)

Subject: Revival of investment by means of Community borrowing

Can the Commission state what measures it envisages taking with a view to reviving investment in the Community and whether it intends to make rapid use of the new resources which the Council has opened up by enabling the Community to borrow on the financial market?

36. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-285/82)

Subject : Oil crisis measures

Is it true that the U.S. Administration has allowed anti-trust exemptions for oil crisis measures, agreed by Member States of the International Energy Agency, to lapse and does this development put Community oil companies and their principal customers at a competitive disadvantage in world markets relative to their U.S. counterparts ?

37. Question by Mr GALLAND (H-286/82)

Subject: Europe and Soviet gas

Is the Commission acquainted with a report produced for the Pentagon by the Geneva firm 'Energy Advice', according to which probable and proved European gas reserves will double between the end of 1981 and the end of 1985 to reach a total volume of 10,200,000,000,000 cubic metres?

In other words could Europe not have done entirely without imports of non-European gas (from the Soviet Union or even Algeria)?

38. Question by Mr REMILLY (H-288/82)

Subject: Holding of a 'Jumbo' Council

Does the Commission have plans for a 'Jumbo' Council during the Danish presidency?

39. QUESTION BY MR VANDEMEULENBROUCKE (H-290/82)

Subject: Charter for ethnic minorities

On 16 October 1981 the European Parliament considered a report on a Community charter for regional languages and cultures and a charter of the rights of ethnic minorities. Commissioner Richard adopted a very positive approach to this subject, stating that there was a need for the Community to take measures in this direction.

Can the Commission state what action it has taken in this matter?

40. Question by Mr HARRIS (H-297/82)

Subject : Common Fisheries Policy

Does designation under the Hague Agreement give regions a higher priority for grants for fishing boats, fish processing and structural measures, and what will be the position under the Common Fisheries Policy ?

41. Question by Sir John STEWART-CLARK (H-300/82)

Subject : United Kingdom horticultural production

Can the Commission indicate what arrangements are being made to assess accurately the long-term implications for United Kingdom horticultural production of potential Spanish and Portuguese accession to the Community ?

42. Question by Mr RIEGER (H-303/82)

Subject: Accession negotiations with Spain and Portugal

Do the accession negotiations with Spain and Portugal also relate to the inclusion of these countries in the European Monetary System (EMS) and can the Commission say whether a special status is being considered for Spain and Portugal in this respect?



43. Question by Mr GRIFFITHS (H-307/82)

Subject : Situation in the Petro Chemicals Industry in the E.E.C.

Bearing in mind the chronic over-capacity in the Petro Chemicals industry in the E.E.C. is the Commission considering, in co-operation with the Petro Chemicals industry, any measures to help the industry through its current problems?

44. Question by Mrs NIKOLAOU (H-309/82)

Subject: Financing integrated programmes

The Commission has announced that it is drawing up a new series of 'integrated programmes' to deal with the problems confronting Mediterranean regions of Member States of the Community.

What specific measures has the Commission undertaken to promote these programmes? Does it consider that the fund envisaged for integrated programme studies are sufficient even though the Community intends to finance pilot projects as a first step towards implementing the integrated programmes policy?

45. Question by Mr ADAMOY (H-310/82)

Subject: Financing the 'reconstruction' of the Falkland Islands

On 13 July 1982, in response to a request from the British Government, the Commission decided to grant aid amounting to 300,000 ECU for the reconstruction of the Falkland Islands.

Does the Commission agree that at a time of severe economic crisis, when there are 11 million unemployed and huge social and economic problems it is an affront to the peoples of the Member States of the Community to require them to participate directly in financing Great Britain in maintaining its colonial possessions; and that such an action amounts to open support for the colonialist policies of the Thatcher Government which are particularly offensive to the peoples of Latin America?

46. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-314/82)

Subject : Changes in Commissioners' Portfolios

Does the President of the Commission envisage any changes in Commissioners' Portfolios ?

47. Question by Ms CLYWD (H-315/82)

Subject: Quota system for the disabled in the ten Member States

What progress has been made in devising a workable employment quota system for the disabled in the ten Member States?

48. Question by Mr HABSBURG (H-317/82)

Subject: Amalgamation of airline companies in the European Community

In his answer to my Written Question No. 479/82 <sup>1</sup> Mr Contogeorgis suggested that the Commission was sceptical about the possibility of an amalgamation of airline companies in the Community and regarded this as primarily a matter for the airlines themselves. Recently the Czech Deputy Minister of Transport, Mr Josef Dykas, stated that COMECON was planning to set up an integrated airline company for civil aviation in order to be able to compete better against Western airlines.

Is the Commission aware of such plans and does it not consider that this represents a serious threat to our ailing civil aviation and would the Commission be prepared in the light of this development to reconsider the position and in agreement with the airlines concerned to examine whether it would not be desirable to make immediate efforts to achieve substantially closer cooperation between them?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No C 210 , 12.8.1982 p.22

49. Question by Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI (H-318/82)

Subject: Conflicting decisions of Belgian and British courts with regard to the custody of minors

The Belgian courts have by a series of decisions entrusted the custody of three minors, who are Italian citizens resident in Belgium, to their father, Mr Umberto Lamagni. The mother, a British citizen, has unlawfully taken the children to the United Kingdom against the wishes of the father.

Not only did the British court disregard the Belgian decisions but it has itself given a decision having the opposite effect denying the father the right to his children and even sentenced him to imprisonment for having tried to give effect to the Belgian decisions thereby depriving him inter alia of the possibility of exercising his trade union guaranteed rights to exercise a profession as he is no longer able to enter the United Kingdom. In addition, the children although not having been born or ever resided in England, have suddenly and mysteriously become British citizens.

Now that the youngest of the children must undergo a surgical operation, and in the light of the request to have his father near him, the situation created by the English court is in contradiction with fundamental human rights and makes a mockery of the vote in favour of the UN Charter of Children's Rights.

Does the Commission not consider that occurrences of this kind are incompatible with the principles enshrined in the preamble and opening articles of the Treaty of Rome and what measures does the Commission intend to take to deal with such situations?

50. Question by Mr KEY (H-320/82)

Subject : Zimbabwe

Could the Commission answer the criticism of the E.E.C. of the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe quoted in the London Times on the 28th May, 1982: "Zimbabwe was gravely concerned by the protectionist measures adopted by the Community in restricting some exports from Lomé Convention countries to the E.E.C."? This, he said, was a clear violation of the commitment entered into under the terms of the Convention. Maize, wheat, bran and offal were affected by these measures; while tariffs on Lomé exports of cocoa and butter and safeguard measures on poultry exports were also contrary to the Conventions.

51. Question by Miss HOOPER (H-322/82)

Subject : Recovery and Reuse of Paper and Board

Following the approval of the Council Recommendation (Doc. 1-210/80) concerning the recovery and reuse of waste paper and board, what steps have been taken by the Commission to monitor the action pursued by the Member States with respect to this Recommendation?

52. Question by Mr MARSHALL (H-325/82)

Subject: Impact of EC surpluses on world market prices

What studies has the Commission conducted as to the impact of EC surpluses on the world price of commodities such as sugar, and are these studies available to members of the European Parliament?

53. Question by Mrs CASTLE (H-326/82)

Subject: Court of Justice

Which Member States have failed to comply with the rulings of the European Court of Justice for a period of two years or more; on what matters are they in breach of the Court's rulings and what steps does the Commission intend to take to enforce the rulings?

54. Question by Mr PEARCE (H-328/82)

Subject: Stabex

Will the Commission give its opinion, based on the best information available to it, as to whether transfers of funds under the Stabex system have been largely, partly or hardly at all allocated by the Governments of the recipient ACP States to the companies and organisations producing the product in question and whose income has suffered a fall owing to various circumstances, thereby giving rise of the Stabex transfer?

55. Question by Mr WELSH (H-329/82)

Subject: Contravention of Article 30 of the Treaty of Rome in connection with plan for the French tanning industry

In its answer to written question no. 604/82<sup>1</sup>, the Commission stated that it had asked the French authorities for detailed information of any changes that might be made to the present conditions governing the sale of hides.

Has the Commission received a response to its enquiry and if so what was the reply?

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. No C 221 25.8.82 p. 34

56. Question by Mrs VIEHOFF (H-333/82)

Subject: Commission report on the application of the Directive on the education of migrant worker's children

Has the Commission submitted the report to the Council on the application of the Directive on the education of migrant worker's children<sup>1</sup>, due in accordance with the Directive to be submitted within five years of the notification of the Directive?

57. Question by Mr CLUSKEY (H-334/82)

Subject: Provision of cycling facilities in large urban areas

Can the Commission state what it is doing by way of a common transport policy (under Art. 74 of the EEC Treaty of 1957) to promote cycling and cycling facilities in large urban areas especially with a view to energy conservation?

58. Question by Mr BORD (H-336/82)

Subject: Textile agreements

Can the Commission state what bilateral agreements have so far been concluded under the Multifibre Arrangement?

59. Question by Mr ANSQUER (H-337/82)

Subject: The setting up of a permanent economic consultation between Europe and the United States

In view of the recent steep rise in interest rates, does the Commission intend to propose permanent economic consultation between the United States and Europe?

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<sup>1</sup> 77/486/EEC - OJ no. L 199, 6.8.1977, p. 32

60. Question by Mr PROVAN (H-338/82)

Subject : Medical attention

Will the Commission take the necessary steps to ensure that all Member States carry out their obligations and make certain that medical attention is expertly and freely available to Community citizens especially whilst on holiday within the Community?

61. Question by Mr LOMAS (H-341/82)

Subject : Interference by a Commissioner into a Member State's internal Affairs

Will the Commission please state whether an individual Commissioner is allowed to interfere in the internal politics of a Member State, by making a speech in that Member State attacking the policies of one of the major political parties, giving figures which were not factual and which are challenged by the Party concerned ?

62. Question by Mr FLANAGAN (H-343/82)

Subject : Rational Use of Energy in the transport sector

Will the Commission give details of actions taken in the past or to be proposed in the future at Community level which have exploited or will help to exploit the Rational Use of Energy (RUE) in the transport sector, particularly since transport accounts for 25 % of Community consumption of petroleum products ?

63. Question by Mr DE FERRANTI (H-345/82)

Subject : Statistical basis for policy to be established

In its answer to written Question No. 233/82<sup>1</sup> the Commission admitted that it had no statistics on the movement of employed people between large and small firms, or on the costs of the measures being taken by Member States to aid employment transition. As most employment transition now seems to be taking place from established businesses into small firms in every sector and this would indicate a requirement for a better balance of Community Policies would the Commission assemble the relevant information from Member States to ensure that it has the statistical basis for policy to be established ?

64. Question by Mr CABORN (H-349/82)

Subject: Food aid to Vietnam

The Commission's reply to Written Question No. 1967/81<sup>2</sup> by Mr Lomas stated: As regards Vietnam, the Commission considers that the question of resuming food aid is linked both to the overall political situation in South Asia and, to a certain extent, also to the feasibility of monitoring and supervision of the aid's distribution in the country so as to provide adequate guarantees of proper utilization and control.

In view of the UN world food programme and the fact that Oxfam is satisfied that food aid can be monitored and supervised in an adequate way, and given the change in the political situation represented by the start of the withdrawal of troops from Kampuchea, has the Commission made any proposals to release food aid to Vietnam?

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. C 188, 22.7.1982, p.16

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. C 121, 12.5.1982, p. 5



65. Question by Mr DIDO (H-350/82)

Subject: Bilateral agreements concluded with third countries which export steel products

The bilateral agreements concluded between the Commission and the third countries which are major exporters of steel products to the common market make provision for intervention in cases of failure to respect stipulations governing quantity and prices, in order to provide the necessary protection from external competition.

A number of governments have regularly notified the Commission of infringements committed by undertakings in third countries covered by the bilateral agreements in respect of either imports or the issuing of the automatic import licences referred to in ECSC Recommendation No. 587/80 (recently replaced by ECSC Recommendation No. 1399/82 of 1.6.82).

Can the Commission say why none of these complaints has resulted in the application of the specific provisions contained in the bilateral agreements?

What is the point of the restrictions on price and quantity imposed as a crisis measure on Community undertakings pursuant to Articles 58 and 60, if the bilateral agreements drawn up as a more lenient substitute for the application of Article 74 are inexplicably disregarded?

Numerous steel undertakings have also submitted similar complaints to the competent Commission departments of infringements concerning imports of steel products from third countries. Why has the Commission failed to act on these complaints, on the pretext that, in matters of trade policy, it can only act in association, and therefore in agreement, with the national governments.

Given that it is vital that the common market should hold together at a time of serious and prolonged crisis, can the Commission say if and how it intends to overcome the purely formal problems and the diplomatic rather than economic obstacles, in order to take genuine action to enforce the bilateral agreements with third countries which export steel products to the Community?

66. Question by Sir Peter VANNECK (H-353/82)

Subject: Common Customs Tariff on Aeronautical Products

Is Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1535/82 of 17th May 1982<sup>1</sup> intended to apply to products originating in the United States of America for use in the construction, maintenance and repair of military aircraft, as distinct from civil aircraft?

67. Question by Mr TREACY (H-364/82)

Subject: Take-up of grants from FEOGA by Ireland

Can the Commission confirm the recent reports<sup>2</sup> relating to the low take-up of grants from FEOGA by Ireland, and if so, can it say what the cause is, and what remedies should be applied?

68. Question by Mr HORGAN (H-365/82)

Subject: Education and Third World Development

Does the Commission propose to make any response to the call from the UNESCO Conference of African Ministers of Education, held in Harare, Zimbabwe, recently, for assistance towards the development, of education in Africa; what assistance does the Commission give towards the development of education in the Third World; and, within the Community will it consider developing and supporting an education and information programme on the problems of Third World Development?

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. L 175, 21.6.1982, page 1

<sup>2</sup> See Irish Times 24.8.82

69. Question by Mr PATTISON (H-366/82)

Subject: U.N. World Assembly on Aging

Was the Community represented at the recent U.N. World Assembly on Aging held in Vienna, and, if so, at what level; what conclusions has the Commission drawn from it, and does it intend to take any action, or make any proposals towards elaborating a Community response to the U.N. initiative?

70. Question by Sir David NICOLSON (H-367/82)

Subject: Legal rights of agents

Is the Commission aware that there is considerable discrepancy between Community countries in the rights afforded to agents appointed to act on behalf of foreign companies? For example, in West Germany and France legislation exists to ensure that a foreign company cannot rescind or terminate an agency agreement without compensation, whereas no such legislation exists in the United Kingdom. Is the Commission prepared to take any steps to harmonize the legal rights of agents throughout the Community?

1. Question by Mr MART (H-370/82)

Subject: Doubts cast on the decisions regarding Parliament's places of work

Is the Commission aware of the Val d'Or project, the aim of which is to concentrate all Parliament's services in BRUSSELS and, if so, can it confirm that it has never at any time lent its support to this initiative? Does it not feel that this project could jeopardize the agreements on places of work, which specify in particular that the Secretariat of the European Parliament is based in LUXEMBOURG?



72. Question by Mrs EWING (H-243/82)

Subject: Fisheries

Will the President-in-Office comment on the outcome of the last meeting of the Council of Fisheries Ministers ?

73. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-84/82)

Subject: Task of the political directors of the Member States

Can the Council state whether results have yet been achieved with regard to the task assigned to the political directors of the Member States under the chairmanship of Mr DE SCHOUTHEETE ?

74. Question by Mr KALLIAS (H-332/82)<sup>1</sup>

Subject: Negotiations for the renewal and extension of the agreement between the EEC and the Republic of Cyprus for 1982 and 1983

I should like to ask the Council of Ministers why it has not yet taken note of the motion for a resolution, unanimously adopted by the European Parliament on 22 April 1982, urging the Council to lay down guidelines for the Commission on negotiations for the renewal and extension of the agreements between the EEC and the Republic of Cyprus for 1982 and 1983.

The Council of Ministers would like to forget that the agreements with Cyprus have been temporarily extended until 30 June and that the renewal and extension of these agreements is a matter of extreme urgency.

The Council has also chosen to disregard the dissatisfaction of the whole of the European Parliament as expressed in the first paragraph of the motion for a resolution: 'Regrets that ...' Is it not enough that the Council - which has not been slow to respond and react over other issues - has shown a marked lack of concern in the case of Cyprus which has been occupied by Turkish troops for eight years?

I table this question after the disappointing reply I received from Commissioner ANDRIESEN during the sitting of 10 May 1982.

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<sup>1</sup> Former oral question without debate (0-34/82), converted into a question for Question Time

75. Question by Mr SKOVMAND (H-167/82)

Subject: Axle weights of goods vehicles

Will the Council resist any proposals to increase the axle weights of goods vehicles until it has been made clear what effects such an increase would have on the Member States' expenditure on roads ?

76. Question by Mrs LE ROUX (H-202/82)

Subject: Fish used for animal feed

Catches are used to produce fish meal on a very large scale in some Member States.

Will the Council consider this matter without delay, as it is of crucial importance for the protection of the Community's fish stocks ?

77. Question by Mr CLINTON (H-258/82)

Subject: Economic and social development of coastal areas and state of fish stocks

Has the Council received the report from the Commission mentioned in Article 103 of the Treaty of Accession<sup>1</sup> and, if so, what action has the Council taken as a result ?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 73, 27.3.1972

78. Question by MR HUTTON (H-260/82)

Subject: Representation of the Council in Parliament

Will the Council now undertake to be represented regularly at ministerial level at Parliamentary proceedings on more than one day at each part-session, in view of the need for closer relations between Parliament and Council and to ease Parliament's problems in fixing its agenda ?

79. Question by Mr BONDE (H-265/82)

Subject: Disability pensions

Will the Council indicate the value of disability pensions in the Member States, before and after tax, and how these figures compare with those in the proposals for disability pensions adopted by the Bureau of the European Parliament for its own Members; will the Council uphold the decisions taken in the past to the effect that remuneration, pensions, disability pensions, etc., are to remain a national concern, and that this action by the European Parliament is therefore illegal?

80. Question by Mr JOHNSON (H-267/82)

Subject: Protection of seals

Could the Council confirm that at the meeting of Environment Ministers on June 24 the Council, as reported in Hansard for 25 June 1982, "also agreed to support Community action for protection of seals", and does the Council therefore expect the Commission to come forward rapidly with the draft proposals requested by Parliament in its resolutions of March 11, 1982?

81. Question by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI (H-268/82)

Subject: Updating of the directive against the dangers of microwave radiation

Since the Commission's experts referred to in Article 31 of the EAEC Treaty have expressed strong reservations as to the validity of the directive under discussion by the Council against the dangers of microwave radiation, because that directive has already been overtaken as a result of successive technical developments which have occurred in the meantime, does the Council not consider that the passage of the directive should be interrupted and that it should request that the directive be brought up to date and extended to radio frequencies in relation to the general public as well as to workers, by providing for special supervisory powers and structures, so that the directive guarantees genuine health protection?

82. Question by Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN (H-271/82)

Subject: Employment policy of the Council

Could the Council state how many registered disabled people are employed by the Council secretariat?

83. Question by Mrs WEBER (H-277/82)

Subject: Assessment of environmental effects

Does the Council consider that the press release of 24 June 1982 concerning the failure of the proposal for a directive on the assessment of the environmental effects of certain public and private projects provides Parliament and the public with an adequate explanation of the reasons for its rejection of the 23rd version of the Commission's draft directive and, furthermore, on what version of the Commission's proposal for a directive on the assessment of environmental effects has the work of the last two Councils of Environment Ministers been based?



84. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-281/82)

Subject : Environmental legislation

Does the Council agree that member States should strive to ensure that their environmental legislation is in line with other member States of the Community ?

85. Question by Mr REMILLY (H-289/82) <sup>1</sup>

Subject: Frontier formalities

In order to simplify frontier formalities could the Council not put an end to the present multiplicity of documents by introducing a standard form of document?

86. Question by Mr LALOR (H-299/82)

Subject: EEC aid to Belfast housing scheme

Will the Council explain why at its meeting of 21 June this year, it refused to give the go-ahead to a scheme which has been fully supported by both the European Parliament and the Commission to provide aid worth £ 20 million for the construction of 750 new houses in Belfast?

87. Question by Mr KIRK (H-304/82)

Subject: Organized theft and hold-ups involving articulated vehicles

What action does the Council plan to take to stem the rising tide of crime in the form of organized theft and hold-ups involving articulated vehicles, which in some Member States now constitutes a real obstacle to the free movement of goods within the Community?

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<sup>1</sup> Will not be called if item 185 is kept on the agenda

88. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-308/82)

Subject : Spain's Membership to the Community

While welcoming the entry of Spain into N.A.T.O. and looking forward to the entry of Spain into the E.E.C., would it not be unrealistic and therefore politically unacceptable to the Community of the Ten, for Spain to even contemplate joining so long as barriers are maintained against the free movement of people and trade with a Member of State?

89. Question by Ms QUIN (H-316/82)

Subject: Resolution (Doc. 1-963/81) on EEC assistance to workers leaving the shipbuilding industry

What action has the Council taken following my resolution (Doc. 1-963/81) on EEC assistance to workers leaving the shipbuilding industry which received an absolute majority of the signatures of the members of the European Parliament, (under Rule 49 of the Parliament's Rules of Procedure) and which called on the Council both to take action urgently and report back to Parliament within three months?

90. Question by Mrs NIELSEN (H-321/82)

Subject: Free competition in air transport

What action does the Council propose to take in response to the judgments of the European Court of Justice of 4 April 1974 and 12 October 1978, in which the Court ruled that Articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty of Rome are applicable to air transport, with a view to breaking the present monopoly and thereby ensuring the best possible service and lower prices for consumers?

91. Question by Miss HOOPER (H-323/82)

Subject : Recovery and Reuse of Paper and Board

Following the approval of the Council Recommendation (Doc. 1-210/80) concerning the recovery and reuse of waste paper and board, can the Council state which Member States have taken action in this field and what steps they have taken?

92. Question by Mr MARSHALL (H-324/82)

Subject: EC/Cyprus agreement

What progress is being made towards the next stage of the EC/Cyprus agreement, and when might the next stage be expected to be concluded?

93. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-327/82)

Subject: Attendance at meetings

Which countries have failed to send their top energy ministers to either of the last two meetings of the Council of energy ministers?

94. Question by Mr BOYES (H-331/82)

Subject: The use of X-ray inspection equipment at airport security check points

There is evidence to suggest that X-ray inspection procedures at airport security check points can cause damage to photographic materials and equipment. Added to this, airport security officials manning such check points within the Community often deny requests from individuals that such equipment be checked manually as an alternative.

Is the President-in-Office aware of this problem and is he prepared to agenda the matter for discussion at a future meeting of the appropriate committee?

95. Question by Mr WELSH (H-340/82)

Subject: Commission proposal for a directive on the certification of third country products<sup>1</sup>

It has been suggested that the Council Working Group has abandoned this proposal for a directive on the certification of third country products and is exploring ways of achieving a similar result.

Could the Council confirm this and indicate what other ways are being explored and when it proposes to invite the Commission to submit a new proposal?

96. Question by Mr COLLINS (H-346/82)

Subject: Proceeding of the negotiations on the draft directive on product liability

Will the Council say how negotiations on the draft directive on product liability are proceeding and whether the Committee of Permanent Representatives has concluded its discussions on the question of a "state of the art" defence, and will the Council say when this matter is likely to come before the Council itself?

97. Question by Mr PAPAEFSTRATIOU (H-347/82)

Subject: Return of Greek antiquities to Greece

As is well known, a large number of Greek antiquities have, at various times in the past, been removed to foreign countries without the consent of the Greek governments and for reasons that vary according to the circumstances obtaining at the time. These monuments have subsequently been moved and are now on display in various museums, many of which are situated in countries of the European Community.

Worthy of note is the endeavour being made by the competent bodies of the European Communities with a view to achieving better coordination at Community level of national policies in the cultural sector and in respect of the various works of art.

In view of the above, does the Council intend to take the necessary measures - and, if so, how - to have the Greek antiquities gradually returned to their country of provenance?

98. Question by Mr de FERRANTI (H-348/82)

Subject : Improving the quality of Television Broadcasts transmitted via Satellites

Television pictures will soon be transmitted from satellites directly to the home in all European countries. In view of the importance of picture quality to the viewer and the benefits that a common standard would bring, would the Council now state its views on the Multiplex Analogue Component (MAC) system which has greater potential for future improvements than PAL and SECAM and which is currently being considered by the European Broadcasting Union ?

99. Question by Mr. CLUSKEY (H-357/82)

Subject: Code of practice for EEC companies trading in developing countries

Does the Council agree that a code of practice for EEC companies trading in developing countries is essential to prevent the exploitation of these countries and their workers, and will it list the various Commission proposals and Parliament resolutions concerning the activities and practices of EEC companies trading in developing countries, and state those on which it has taken action and those on which it has not done so?

100. Question by Mr HORGAN (H-358/82)

Subject : Measures to combat youth unemployment

In view of the continuing increases in the figures for unemployment of young people under 25, will the Council ensure that the Commission has at its disposal all the means and resources necessary to implement its recent decisions relating to education and training in the context of the employment situation, and other Community actions towards combatting youth unemployment (eg ESF etc); and will it call on the Commission to make proposals for additional new measures to provide employment for young people?

101. Question by Mr TREACY (H-359/82)

Subject : Reform of the ERDF under the 30th May Mandate

When does the Council, in view of the ever-widening disparities in regional incomes and the failure of current Community policies to halt these alarming disparities, propose to give effect to the reform of the ERDF as proposed by the Commission; and, in the event if no immediate reform being agreed, what plans does the Council have to assist the poorer regions of the Community such as Ireland, in a meaningful way ?

102. Question by Mr PATTISON (H-360/82)

Subject: Nuclear pollution of the seas around Ireland

Does the Council agree that the continuing disquieting reports of the dumping of nuclear waste in the Atlantic, off the Irish coast, and the pollution of the Irish Sea by nuclear waste from the reactors at Windscale and Cumbria are issues of considerable concern at Community level, in view of their threat to human health and life and the marine environment in the regions concerned, and will it call on the Commission forthwith to prepare and implement measures to deal with this problem?

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QUESTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TEN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY MEETING IN POLITICAL COOPERATION

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103. Question by Mr PRAG (H-219/82)

Subject: Contacts in capitals of the Ten

In which capitals have regular meetings between the nine Heads of Mission and host Political Director not taken place since October 13, 1981 in accordance with paragraph nine of the London report?

104. Question by Mr SEELER (H-222/82)

Subject: Arms exports by Member States of the European Community

The conflict over the Falkland Islands has once again made the arms exports of some Member States of the European Community, in particular France, a matter of topical importance. Member States of the European Community are suffering heavy losses of men and material from weapons systems exported from Europe.

Have the Foreign Ministers considered the arms exports of Member States of the European Community to non-member countries or will it consider this subject with a view to placing very strict limits on these exports to prevent the escalation of military conflicts in the world? If the answer to this first question is 'no', why do the Foreign Ministers not feel that they should work towards joint limitations on arms exports by the Member States of the Community?

105. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-228/82)

Subject: Neutralization of the Antarctic

Would it be possible to avoid future conflict over national mineral rights, by creating a neutral international zone in the Antarctic and will the foreign ministers initiate talks at the United Nations to this end?

106. Question by Mr ALAVANOS (H-230/82)

Subject: Provocations in the Aegean by the NATO-backed Turkish Junta

On 15 June the NATO-backed Turkish Junta challenged Greek national airspace in three new incidents. At about the same time as these violations were taking place, the President of the Council of the European Communities, Mr TINDEMANS, was summing up the achievements of the Belgian presidency. He spoke at length on 'Community solidarity' towards Great Britain over the Falkland Islands, but once more failed to say anything about the provocative policies pursued in the Aegean by the Government of Turkey - a country associated with the EEC - or about the continued occupation of 40% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, despite the fact that these questions have been raised repeatedly at sessions of the European Parliament when the President of the Council himself has been present.

Why then do the Foreign Ministers continue to pursue this inadmissible policy of forbearance, turning a blind eye to these provocations in the Aegean by the NATO-backed Turkish Junta and following the line adopted by the USA and NATO on this issue, and why do they repeatedly show their undisguised contempt for the problems with which Greece - a Member State of the European Communities - has to contend in the matter of its independence and territorial integrity?

107. Question by Mrs EWING (H-244/82)

Subject : U.N. oil embargo on South Africa

Will the President-in-Office state whether the Foreign Ministers meeting in Political Cooperation have discussed the possibility of supporting the U.N. embargo on oil deliveries to South Africa ?



108. Question by Mr GEROKOSTOPOULOS (H-291/82) (x)

Subject: Inhuman action taken by the Soviet Air Force against non-combatants in Afghanistan

The French organization 'MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES', renowned for its outstanding humanitarian work, recently issued a press release in which - on the basis of evidence supplied by doctors belonging to the organization - it condemned the inhuman manner in which Soviet troops in Afghanistan conduct military operations against the non-combatant population.

This press release referred to reliable eye-witness accounts of murderous attacks launched by the Soviet Air Force in the area of the Hazarajat Plateau which resulted in:

- (a) the total destruction of two hospitals in the small country towns of Changori and Jankaolang.
- (b) hundreds of victims among the non-combatant population as a result of indiscriminate bombing; between the beginning of November 1981 and the end of March 1982, 4 towns and villages and two large popular markets with all the assembled agricultural products and food were destroyed in the same way.

I should like to ask the Foreign Ministers:

1. Have they been informed of these events?
2. Has any action been taken - or is any envisaged - within the framework of the remarks made by Mr MARTENS, President of the Council of Ministers and Belgian Prime Minister before the House on 21.4.1982, to put an end to the barbaric activities of Soviet forces in Afghanistan?

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(x) Former oral question without debate (0-33/82), converted into a question for question time

109. Question by Mr HAAFERUP (H-150/82)

Subject: Policy on refugees

Could the Foreign Ministers explain what grounds they have for not more forcefully encouraging the Member States to accept a greater number of refugees from Indochina ?

110. Question by Mr LALOR (H-261/82)

Subject: EEC/Latin America ties

Do the foreign ministers believe that the Falklands/Malvinas crisis has seriously damaged the traditionally good ties between Europe and Latin America?

111. Question by Mr RIEGER (H-302/82)

Subject: European disarmament conference

Do the Foreign Ministers still hold the view that the CSCE follow-up conference in Madrid, which is to be resumed in November 1982, should also end with the issue of a mandate to call a European disarmament conference and what do the Foreign Ministers expect of such a conference?

112. Question by Mr EPHREMIDIS (H-311/82)

**Subject:** The fate of Greek and Greek Cypriot prisoners of war

After the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in July 1974 a number of Greek and Cypriot military personnel were taken prisoner by the Turkish invasion forces.

The Turkish authorities infringed international agreements by failing to declare many of these persons prisoners of war, even though they had been registered as such in Turkish prisons and army camps by the International Red Cross and they had sent messages to their families.

Eight years after these events the Turkish authorities are still refusing to give any information whatsoever as to their fate and continue to obstruct the work of the three-member committee of inquiry set up under the auspices of the U.N. to investigate the fate of Greek and Turkish Cypriots missing since then.

Having regard to the EEC-Turkey Association Agreement and the humanitarian issues involved, what measures do the Ministers intend to take to bring pressure on the Turkish authorities to put an end to the tragedy of these people and their families?

113. Question by Mr HABSBURG (H-319/82)

**Subject:** Religious persecution of the Baha'i in Iran

Since the persecution of members of the Baha'i church in Iran continues undiminished and members of this denomination have latterly been executed merely for belonging to it, may I ask the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation whether they plan to make further representations in Teheran or whether they will demand, as all endeavours have so far failed to produce results, that this issue be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming General Assembly of the United Nations?

114. Question by Mr KYRKOS (H-335/82)

Subject: The installation of PERSHING and CRUISE missiles in Europe

The trade and economic war which the Reagan administration has unleashed against Europe puts a new complexion on American demands that European governments accept PERSHING and CRUISE missiles on their territory.

Are the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation still in favour of satisfying American demands which would afford the USA greater opportunities for exercising control over and putting pressure on Community policy and further hamper relations between the Member States and the Socialist countries?

115. Question by Mr ISRAEL (H-339/82)

Subject: Construction of gas pipeline by political prisoners in the USSR

Are the Foreign Ministers aware of reports to the effect that the USSR may be using prison labour to construct the pipeline intended to convey gas supplies to certain countries of the Community?

Should it emerge that individuals considered in the West to be political prisoners are also being employed on this project, will the ministers call on the countries in question to react appropriately to this policy which is incompatible with the Community's conception of human rights?

116. Question by Mr PATTISON (H-362/82)

Subject : Aid to the Lebanon

Following the cessation of hostilities in the Lebanon, do the Foreign Ministers propose to give any non-military aid to the Lebanon for the purpose of alleviating human distress, and of restoring the economic infrastructure of that country, and, if so, does it propose to continue to do so on an ongoing basis as a concrete contribution to the peace process in the Middle East; if the Foreign Ministers have no such proposal at present will they agree to contact the Lebanese Government for the purpose of determining what non-military aid can be offered by the Community to the Lebanese for the purposes set out above ?