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with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the Socialist Group  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Youth Unemployment

There is a far greater proportion of young people among the unemployed than there is in the total workforce, and it is generally accepted that the causes of youth unemployment are in many ways different from those of general unemployment. Therefore, while long-term improvements in the employment situation are essential to provide the necessary jobs for all unemployed, wide-ranging

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accompanying measures are required to ensure that young people are in a position to avail themselves of any opportunities offered. It is thus necessary to have an accurate picture of what the position is, and how successful measures undertaken to date, have been.

1. Will the Commission give an assessment of the situation relating to the unemployment of young people in the Community giving the latest statistics, with the trends over the last decade, broken down into categories male/female, age groups: official school leaving age to 19, and 19-25, level of qualification, migrant workers, for the whole Community and for each Member State, including those who have never worked?
2. Is the Commission satisfied that its analysis of, causes of, and remedies for youth unemployment given in its various documents - particularly 'Youth Employment' (1), has been valid, in view of the fact that the situation has shown no improvement?
3. Will it report on the various measures and projects towards combating unemployment undertaken at Community level, and in conjunction with the Member States, with statistical information, and give an honest appraisal of their impact, for
  - the Social Fund, in particular giving details of the number of jobs created under the measures adopted in 1978;
  - the Recommendation on vocational preparation of young people (2);
  - transition from education to working life;
  - linked work and training?
4. Can the Commission outline how the situation of young women differs from the general problem, both as to causes and remedies; what action it has proposed or undertaken, and its impact to date; and possible future developments; and what additional possibilities are at the Commission's disposal arising from the Directive on Equal Treatment (76/207/EEC) (3)?

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(1) Supplement 4/77, Bulletin EC

(2) OJ No L 180/77

(3) OJ No L 39/76

5. What is the most recent situation relating to unemployment among young migrants, and what measures has the Commission in mind to counteract their particularly acute employment problems, arising from their social and cultural position in society; to what extent can extra measures in their favour be based on the Directive on the education of migrant workers' children (1)?
6. In relation to the young handicapped, will the Commission outline what efforts have been made both at Community and national level, and with what success, towards ensuring that they also can have access to the necessary training and job possibilities, so that they too can participate as equals in their society?
7. Finally, can the Commission say what impact it expects the proposals of its most recent document on employment policy (2) to have on youth employment, and what, if any, other measures it envisages in the area of labour market policy towards more appropriate, job creation?

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(1) OJ No L 199/77

(2) COM(81) 154