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ORAL QUESTION (O-61/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr PIQUET, Mr FERNANDEZ, Mr WURTZ, Mr DAMETTE, Mrs POIRIER
and Mrs HOFFMANN
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: American measures on steel

After President Reagan's decision to limit imports of special steels from the EEC for 4 years, a decision which affects European sales to the United States worth more than 150 million dollars, does the Commission intend to propose to the Council not just that it raise this matter at GATT but that it begin formal proceedings against the United States under GATT?

Does the Commission not consider it necessary, at the same time, to draw up a series of draft reprisal measures to be taken if the United States maintains its position?

What does the Commission think about the 1982 steel agreement between the EEC and the USA in the light of the way it is now being applied by the United States authorities?

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Finally, how does the Commission propose to keep Parliament informed on this matter so as to mobilize public opinion in this battle against the current American concept of trade relations based on unilateral decisions which violate EEC-US agreements as well as GATT rules?