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QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Mr PRANCHERE (H-669/81)

Subject: EEC food aid

In a notice to the Council on special food aid to the least developed countries the Commission considers that the Community food aid programme for cereals is inadequate to meet the needs of these countries.

With a view to achieving a lasting and significant increase in food aid, does not the Commission consider that urgent action should be taken to promote the development of these agricultural products within the EEC in order to enable the EEC to pursue such a policy?

2. Question by Mrs NIELSEN (H-836/81)

Subject: Cheap air fares

The Scandinavian airline SAS is offering special cheap air fares to passengers flying from London to Scandinavian airports including Kastrup. However, passengers whose point of departure is Kastrup are not entitled to the same cheap fares. Does the Commission consider this new initiative acceptable to the European Community and does it not agree that such initiatives, which also split the common market into national entities, must be combatted; if so, what measures does the Commission intend to take with regard to this matter, bearing in mind that the arrangement has been approved by the Danish Social-Democratic Minister for Transport?

3. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-845/81)

Subject: Co-responsibility levy on milk

What total sums arising from the co-responsibility levy on milk have been paid into the Community by Member States in 1980 and 1981. Do these sums collectively represent the amount due from each Member State according to the total amount of milk produced. Is there reliable evidence that these sums have been properly collected from milk producers and not subsidized by the governments concerned?

4. Question by Mr HAAGERUP (H-1/81)

Subject: Commissioner O'Kennedy's participation in the Irish general election

With reference to the participation by Commissioner O'Kennedy in the Irish general election, in which he stood and was elected, I should like to know whether the Commission believes such proceedings compatible with the work of a Member of the Commission and with the oath he took before assumption of office; if it does, will the Commission state what attitude it will take in future to national political activities by its members?

5. Question by Mr PATTERSON (H-7/82)

Subject: Employee information and consultation procedures

Can the Commission state how many subsidiaries and how many employees in the Community would come within the scope of the draft directive on employee information and consultation procedures (COM(80)423 final) where it has fixed the lower limit for qualification under the directive at 100 employees in a subsidiary?

6. Question by Mr TYRRELL (H-10/82)

Subject: Discrimination in recruitment by French Railways (SNCF)

Is the Commission aware that on 4.3.82 French Railways (SNCF) gave notice of an open competition for civil engineers in "Le Monde" (p.40) which restricted applications to French nationals and what steps will the Commission take to end this overt discrimination, which cannot be justified on grounds of public policy, security or health, and to ensure that this and similar situations are open to all EC nationals?

7. Question by Mr PROVAN (H-22/82)

Subject: Protection of Atlantic salmon

What steps does the Commission intend to take to protect Atlantic salmon entering freshwater rivers for spawning, as it would appear that greatly reduced numbers are entering rivers and action is now desirable?

8. Question by Mrs LIZIN (H-28/82)

Subject: Walloon steel industry: failure by Commissioner Davignon to act within his terms of reference

The Commission has officially notified the Belgian Government of its opposition to the latter's plan for the restructuring of the Walloon steel industry.

When did the Commission decide on its proposal for an alternative industrial plan, when did it, as a body, decide to propose special commercial relations with the Dutch steel industry and when did it authorize Mr Davignon to take part in the Belgian ministerial meeting of 15 March 1982?

9. Question by Mr ISRAEL (H-31/82)

Subject: Transport of food aid to Poland

Does the Commission not consider that there is a danger that the humanitarian aid supplied to the Polish people by the European Community will provide an opportunity for a group of road hauliers to make excessive profits?

Has the Commission considered the possibility of concluding an agreement with charitable organizations approved by the Polish Bishops' Mutual Aid Commission?

10. Question by Mr REMILLY (H-40/82)

Subject: Monetary adjustment and sliding parities

Does the Commission not think that the important adjustments made in the EMS in the past year as a result of multiple tensions are equivalent to sliding parities and that in consequence the EMS is ineffective?

11. Question by Mr von WOGAU (H-762/81)

Subject: Fuel record sheets for lorries and buses

Does the Commission share the view that the completion of fuel record sheets for lorries and buses, which is still required at the Community's internal frontiers, seriously impedes cross-frontier traffic? Does the Commission consider that the formalities at the frontier could be simplified and, in particular, could it ensure that the currencies of either of the countries concerned can be used in the payment of any of the duties levied.

Does the Commission intend to create special rules at least for those lorries and buses which use local frontier crossing points several times a day?

12. Question by Mr PURVIS (H-774/81)

Subject : Commercial salmon industries of the Community

What is the current status of negotiations with Faroes regarding restrictions on their salmon catch, and what will be the expected impact on the commercial salmon industries of the Community - both wild and farmed ?

13. Question by Mr BALFE (H-804/81)

Subject: Agreement with the Government of Sierra Leone

Is it true that the Commission came to an agreement with the Government of Sierra Leone to make a grant of £ 1.000.000 for the purpose of establishing a training hospital at a village called Bo, and that as a reciprocal part of that agreement the Sierra Leone Government agreed to provide the electricity, sewerage, water and communications for this hospital?

It has been represented to me that the EEC has completed its part of the agreement but that the Sierra Leone Government has taken no steps to fulfil its part. This means that the doctors who have been flown out to the village of Bo will have to fly home if the matter is not rectified by July this year, and this will lead to a total waste of the EEC's £ 1.000.000.

Would the Commission therefore outline what steps it proposes to take in this regard, and to prevent any occurrence of this type of situation?

14. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-856/81)

Subject: Draft constitution treaty for the 1984 elections

Now that with the setting up of a special committee, the European Parliament has implemented its resolution of 9 July 1981 on a draft constitution treaty for the 1984 elections, is the Commission prepared to give its backing to a move by the European Parliament to have the Heads of State or Government meeting in the European Council formally recognize Parliament's responsibility in the matter?

15. Question by Mr DE FERRANTI (H-858/81)

Subject: Agreement of an ISO standard

In view of the agreement of an ISO standard on the designation of dress and clothes sizes, does the Commission have any plans to promote standardization in this area?

16. Question by Mr COLLINS (H-17/82)

Subject: Establishment of veterinary surgeons

In answer to written question 780/81 (1), the Commission indicated that it proposed to initiate the infringement procedures provided for in Article 169 of the Treaty of Rome against the five Member States which had not then taken the necessary national legislative steps to implement Directives 78/1026 and 78/1027 (2) relating to the freedom of movement and rights of establishment of veterinary surgeons. Will the Commission please report which Member States have still not passed the necessary national legislation and advise why the infringement procedures have not so far been effective in compelling these Member States to meet their obligations?

(1) OJ C 278, 29.10.81, p. 23

(2) OJ L 362, 23.12.78

17. Question by Mrs QUIN (H-19/82)

Subject: EEC regulations governing the rights of the unemployed to draw unemployment benefit in countries other than their own

Does the Commission feel that the regulations which theoretically enable workers to draw unemployment benefit in countries other than their own within the EEC while seeking employment in that country are working satisfactorily?

18. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-32/82)

Subject: Contact with the South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO)

Has the Commission suggested formally or informally giving any assistance to the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO)?

19. Question by Mr WELSH (H-33/82)

Subject: Preferential tariff for natural gas

Would the Commission make a statement of its intentions regarding the decision of 15 December 1981 on the preferential tariff charged to glasshouse growers for natural gas in the Netherlands?

20. Question by Mr SHERLOCK (H-89/82) (x)

Subject: Directives on Cosmetic Products

The proposal for a Council Directive amending for the third time Directive 76/768 EEC contained so many errors that it had to be taken back by the Commission for correction. In view of the fact that many of these errors were pointed out to the Commission well beforehand by the industry, can the Commission explain why its proposal was presented to Parliament in this uncorrected form?

(x) Former oral question without debate (0-6/82), converted into a question for Question Time

21. Question by Miss HOOPER (H-110/82) (x)

Subject: Legislation on Costmetics

In their reply to Written Question No.1136/81 by Mr Collins¹ the Commission stated that it saw 'no justification to depart from the widely accepted practice of only considering positive lists when important questions of health were involved'. In view of this statement of policy, why is the Commission asking for dossiers proving the safety of those ingredients which have for many years been used in the production of cosmetic products and which are generally regarded as safe?

¹OJ C 345, 31.12.81, p.18

(x) Former oral question without debate (0-7/82), converted into a question for Question Time.

22. Question by Mr DELEAU (H-39/82)

Subject: Cooperation between the Community and the United States on a warning system for exchange rates

The Commission recently proposed a warning system providing for joint decisions as to whether fluctuations in the exchange rate of the dollar are outside acceptable limits. Can it state how these proposals have been received and what are their chances of success?

23. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-42/82)

Subject: Measures to strengthen convergence

The Commission has announced that priority should be given to intensifying convergence in practical terms rather than to introducing new regulations. Can it explain how it intends to achieve this aim?

24. Question by Mr PEARCE (H-75/82) (x)

Subject: European Regional Development Fund

Whilst it may be true as indicated by Commissioner Cantogeorgis in his answer to my supplementary question (verbatim report of proceedings 9th March 1982, page 54) that details of grants from the European Regional Development Fund are published in the Official Journal, will the Commission give the dates when information on grants from, respectively, the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Guidance section of the EAGGF were published in the Official Journal since the beginning of 1980 and say whether the Official Journal indicates, in respect of each grant made from the 3 funds, the total cost, level of grant, nature and location (in terms of local authority area) of the function or operation being aided? Does the Commission believe that the frequency, rapidity and level of detail given in the Official Journals in respect of the individual grants concerned is sufficient to allow the public to understand properly how their money is being spent? Does the information published amount to the 'immediate and detailed information' which my supplementary question referred to?

(x) Former oral question without debate (0-14/82), converted into a question for Question Time.

25. Question by Mr NYBORG (H-53/82)

Subject: Coastal protection

On 19 June 1981 the European Parliament debated a report on coastal erosion in the Community¹; in the course of the debate Mr Narjes, member of the Commission, stated that in 1982 the Commission would be submitting a proposal concerning coastal protection. How is this work progressing, and when can we expect to see definite proposals?

¹ Doc. 1-830/80

26. Question by Mr CALVEZ (H-57/82)

Subject: Italian steel production

Can the Commission explain how, at a time when quotas are being set for European steel production pursuant to Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty, Italian steel production in the first months of 1982 has been 9% higher than during the same period in 1981, and how the figures for the independent Italian steel-makers have been even higher?

27. Question by Mr DELOROZOY (H-67/82)

Subject: 1983, Year of the Craft Industry and Small and Medium-sized Undertakings

Can the Commission give some idea of the activities it intends to undertake to make 1983 the Year of the Craft Industry and Small and Medium-sized Undertakings in accordance with the resolution adopted by the European Parliament?

28. Question by Mr MØLLER (H-68/82)

Subject: Irish import duties on car-body parts

Does the Commission believe that the duty of 37.5% charged by the Irish Republic on imports from other Member States of body parts and mudflaps for cars is compatible with Articles 30-36 of the EEC Treaty, and if not will the Commission instruct the Irish Republic to remove this duty as soon as possible?

29. Question by Mr MEGAHY (H-69/82)

Subject: Butter ships and tax free shops.

Despite the decision of the European Court of Justice the German government has officially announced its decision not to implement the Commission ruling of January 1982 which required the government to abolish the so-called butter ships which operate out of the Baltic and other sea ports. The German government spokesman said that the 'butter ships' would not be forbidden until tax free shop facilities for intra Community travellers had been abolished in all Member States. What action does the Commission propose to take in the light of this statement?

30. Question by Mrs DURY (H-70/82)

Subject: Consultation of the ETUC on the formulation of the FAST programme

On 25 July 1978 the Council agreed to a 5-year experimental programme called FAST, the aim of which was to define long-term objectives and priorities for the Community's research and development policy.

Why did the Commission not consult the European Trade Union Confederation on the formulation of the FAST programme?

31. Question by Mr KIRK (H-71/82)

Subject: National aid for films

Can the Commission confirm that it is in accordance with Community rules for national aid to be granted for the production of films where the aim of the films is to promote and preserve the culture of that particular Member State?

32. Question by Mr PRAG (H-72/82)

Subject: Effect of durum wheat premium on British and German pasta production costs

In view of the unfair burden on British and German pasta manufacturers and consumers arising from the huge difference between the Community and world premiums on durum over common wheat, will the Commission now propose measures to the Council for more equitable management of the durum wheat market?

33. Question by Mr CLINTON (H-73/82)

Subject: Failure to adopt a common fisheries policy

In the event of failure by the Council to adopt a common fisheries policy before the end of 1982, will existing arrangements in relation to coastal bands continue?

34. Question by Mr McCARTIN (H-74/82)

Subject: Low cost housing for coal miners

When does the Commission intend to introduce the second part of the ninth programme for assistance to the provision of low cost housing for coal miners?

Has the Commission assessed the need for such housing for the Arigna area in Ireland; what is the estimated cost of the need assessed and what level of assistance will be proposed?

What provision does the Commission intend to make for longer term future need?

35. Question by Mr SCHWARTZENBERG (H-78/82)

Subject: Combating hunger in the world

Does the Commission not think that its President should propose that the fundamental issue of combating hunger in the world be placed on the agenda for the next European Council?

36. Question by Sir David NICOLSON (H-86/82)

Subject: Purchase of right hand drive cars in Germany

Is the Commission aware that Daimler Benz A.G. have 'a strict and irrevocable settlement' which says 'that right hand drive cars can only be bought in England and not in Germany', and, in view of the fact that this is in direct contravention of the Treaty of Rome, could the Commission state what action it proposes to ensure that cars available in one Member State may be purchased in any other Member State?

37. Question by Mr SEAL (H-87/82)

Subject: French tax on Scotch whisky

I understand from a debate in the House of Commons on 31 March that the French Government is refusing to comply with a judgement of the European Court on illegality of French tax on Scotch whisky.

Could the Commission indicate all other cases of non-compliance with Court judgement by Member States and state what action it is taking to ensure compliance?

38. Question by Mr BONDE (H-88/82)

Subject: Unemployment and income levels in North and South Schleswig

Will the Commission provide comparative figures for unemployment and income levels in North and South Schleswig for each year from 1972 to date, regional development and other public aid measures implemented during the same period and the differences in interest rates on loans obtained for the purposes of investment in machinery and buildings? Will the Commission also explain its objections to Danish regional development subsidies in the communes of Bredebro, Højer, Skaerbaek, Tønder, Bov, Tinglev and Løgumkloster?

39. Question by Mr ALAVANOS (H-93/82)

Subject: Discrimination by the West German Government against Greek immigrants

The level of tax-deductable exceptional remittances which immigrants in West Germany are allowed to make to members of their family in their country of origin is fixed at DM 3,600 for immigrants from Spain, which is not a member of the Community, whereas for Greeks the limit is DM 2,400; in addition, family members who are serving in the Greek army are not classed as dependents.

What action does the Commission intend to take to put an end to this unacceptable discrimination which is inconsistent with the Commission's view (COM(78) 200 final) that workers from Member States of the Community should not receive less favourable treatment than workers from non-Member States?

40. Question by Mr ALBERS (H-95/82)

Subject: Financial aid for UNRWA

Is the Commission prepared to increase financial aid to UNRWA in order to avoid the closure of schools in Palestinian refugee camps?

41. Question by Mr PESMAZOGLOU (H-101/82)

Subject: Full utilization of the mineral reserves of Member States

The EEC is aiming to safeguard supplies of minerals essential to its economy. In this context, existing Community reserves should be fully used. Obviously, this matter is of particular interest to Member States that possess such reserves. Can the Commission state what progress has been made in drawing up measures on this matter, what they are designed to achieve and what special regulations are proposed?

42. Question by Mr LALOR (H-104/82)

Subject: Common organisation of the market in potatoes

Will the Commission give due reason as to why it has failed to implement the common organisation of the market in potatoes, the lack of which continues to seriously threaten this sector of the agricultural market in Ireland?

43. Question by Miss DE VALERA (H-105/82)

Subject: Social fund aid for day nurseries

Can the Commission confirm that it has now been established that the Social Fund can be used to help pay the cost of paying a nursery nurse for the children of women who are attending training courses?

44. Question by Mr FLANAGAN (H-107/82)

Subject: 4 750 jobs to be lost in Northern Ireland

What action can the Commission undertake for the workforce in the North of Ireland in view of the unprecedented loss of 1 150 jobs in the British Enkalon factory in Antrim, the loss of 1 100 jobs at the De Lorean car factory (both in the month of March) and the possible loss of a further 2 500 jobs at the Harland and Wolf Shipyard in Belfast?

45. Question by Mr HARRIS (H-108/82)

Subject: Minimum landing size for mackerel

In its 1981 report, the Advisory Committee on Fisheries Management of ICES, the international scientific organisation, recommended the introduction of a 30 centimetre minimum landing size for mackerel caught in the western area fishery off the United Kingdom?

If the Commission is considering the recommendation, will it give a derogation to the traditional fishermen of the South West of England by excluding the use of hand-lines from the scope of any regulation as this type of fishing provides no threat to fish stocks and as many small fishing communities, particularly in Cornwall, will be threatened if such an exemption is not made?

46. Question by Mr CLUSKEY (H-119/82)

Subject: Community integrated operation for Dublin

What progress has been made to date towards adopting concrete decisions in favour of Community integrated operations, and will the Commission consider as soon as possible such an operation for the City of Dublin?

47. Question by Mr TREACY (H-120/82)

Subject: Extension of disadvantaged area schemes

Does the Commission intend to reexamine the criteria relating to eligibility for classification as a disadvantaged area under the disadvantaged areas scheme, in order to allow for the inclusion of the Nire Valley, Slievebloom, and Kilcoman/Hollyford areas in Tipperary, and other disadvantaged areas of Munster not already included in this scheme; and has any request been made to date for the inclusion of the areas mentioned above, in this scheme?

48. Question by Mr PATTISON (H-121/82)

Subject: Setting up of Community wide network of local projects in favour of the handicapped

Will the Commission state what concrete initiatives have been undertaken to date to set up the network of locally based development actions in favour of the handicapped it has proposed and how soon does it expect these projects actually to get underway?

49. Question by Mr RIEGER (H-122/82)

Subject: EEC-Switzerland relations

How does the Commission assess relations between Switzerland and the European Community, what aspects does it consider to be most important and what problems is it likely to raise within the framework of cooperation with EFTA, of which Switzerland is a member?

50. Question by Mrs GAIOTTI DE BIASE (H-125/82)

Subject : Community aid to Poland

Is there any truth in the reports that the Polish primate, Archbishop Glemp, has asked the Community authorities to send tons of maize and soya to Poland for use by private poultry breeders, instead of finished food products ? What is the Commission's attitude to this reasonable and legitimate request, which would help some private poultry farms to survive and would multiply the biological value of Community aid by five ?

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

51. Question by Mr PURVIS (H-11/82)

Subject: Informal meetings in Council

In answer to Question H-662/81¹, the President in Office of the Council replied that he did not know how often ministers of the ten Member States met 'informally' and therefore not as properly constituted meetings of Councils of Ministers.

Can the Council reassure the Parliament that these meetings are not a subterfuge to avoid questions in Parliament and elsewhere concerning them? Why are they denominated 'informal'?

¹ Debates of the European Parliament 1-280.

52. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-846/81)

Subject: Loans and grants to the Indian Government

What is the total value of loans and grants made by the European Community to the Indian Government and what conditions attach to these loans?

53. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-857/81)

Subject: Draft constitution treaty for the 1984 elections

Now that, with the setting up of a special committee, the European Parliament has implemented its resolution of 9 July 1981 on a draft constitution treaty for the 1984 elections, is the Council prepared to give its backing to a move by the European Parliament to have the Heads of State or Government meeting within the European Council formally recognize Parliament's responsibility in the matter?

54. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-4/82)

Subject: Community Quota for the carriage of goods

How soon after the Parliament has given its opinion will the Transport Council be called in order to alter its provisional view given in December on the 1982 Community Quota for the carriage of goods?

55. Question by Mr BALFE (H-26/82)

Subject: Acces to national parliaments to members of the European Parliament

Can the Council state which Member States do not provide acces to its parliament building and its parliament library, research etc. to members of the European Parliament?

56. Question by Mr EISMA (H-30/82)

Subject: Seveso directive

Have the legal and linguistic problems of the Seveso directive now been settled so that the decision of principle taken in December 1981 can be adopted in its final form during the forthcoming Environment Council in June?

57. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-43/82)

Subject: Effect of repeated parity adjustments within the EMS

Does not the Council consider that the repeated central parity adjustments within the EMS may hinder progress towards the second phase of the EMS?

58. Question by Mr SCHWARTZENBERG (H-80/82)

Subject: Combating hunger in the world

Does the Council not think that, in order to prompt a more active contribution by the European Community towards combating hunger in the world, a proposal should be made to place this fundamental issue on the agenda for the next meeting of the European Council?

59. Question by Mr WELSH (H-90/82)

Subject: The Mediterranean Policy of the Community

On 21st April 1982 at a meeting in the framework of the Luns-Westerterp procedure, Mr. Tindemans as President-in-Office of the Council stated that the Council was studying the implication of enlargement for the Community's Treaty engagements with other Mediterranean countries but as yet had evolved no strategy for dealing with the apparent conflicts of interest.

In view of the frequently proclaimed target of 1st January 1984 for the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Community, when does the Council expect to reach a firm conclusion which can then become part of the negotiating framework?

60. Question by Mr DAVERN (H-106/82)

Subject: Irish boat-building crisis

Since the Council is obliged by the Treaties to ensure coordination of the general economic policies of the Member States and since a common fisheries policy should be regarded as a part of this coordination does the Council agree that its failure to take appropriate action has led to a situation in Ireland where seven boatyards have been forced out of business within recent years, that job losses stand at 25% and that two more boatyards are in receivership?

61. Question by Mr HORGAN (H-109/82)

Subject: Forthcoming Council of Education Ministers

What are the priority subjects which will be discussed by the Council of Education Ministers at its meeting on 24th May?

62. Question by Mr KYRKOS (H-13/82)

Subject: Decision of the Political Affairs Committee of the
Council of Europe to hold its forthcoming meeting
in Jerusalem

The decision of the Political Affairs Committee of the Council of Europe to hold its forthcoming meeting in Jerusalem has provoked a sharp reaction from the Arab States, the PLO and many of the Member States of the Council of Europe. Given that this action is further complicating the problem of the Middle East, how do the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation view this measure?

63. Question by Mrs VON ALEMANN (H-20/82)

Subject: European Act

Have the Ministers any intention of recommending to the ad-hoc group which, chaired by Mr de Schoutheete, has the task of preparing the draft text for the 'European Act', to liaise with the Institutional Committee of the European Parliament, in order to coordinate their proposals?

64. Question by Mr JOHNSON (H-76/82) (x)

Subject: Antarctica

In June of this year the Antarctic Treaty powers, which include several Member States of the EEC, will be meeting in Wellington, New Zealand to consider the possible commercial exploitation of Antarctic oil and minerals.

Can the Minister of Foreign Affairs indicate

- (a) what coordination is now taking place among Member States with a view to ensuring that an environmentally sound position is adopted on this matter, bearing in mind the possible impact on the whole Antarctic ecosystem;
- (b) what steps are being taken by EEC Member States to ensure adequate participation at the Wellington meeting by organizations such as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) and the Southern Oceans and Antarctic Coalition (SOAC), bearing in mind that the participation of such organizations is essential if the Antarctic Treaty Powers are not to be accused by the public of cloaking their deliberations with a veil of secrecy?

(x) Former oral question without debate (0-3/82), converted into a question for Question Time.

65. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-62/82)

Subject: Internment and imprisonment in Poland

Amnesty International in my constituency has written to the Polish authorities about Polish citizens detained without trial since 13 December 1981. Has the Conference of Foreign Ministers requested the Polish authorities to release Polish citizens detained without trial, within the framework of the Conference on European Cooperation and Security?

66. Question by Mr SCHWARTZENBERG (H-79/82)

Subject: Anglo-Argentinian conflict over the Falkland Islands

Can the Foreign Ministers explain why neither the United Kingdom nor Argentina appears to have considered taking their dispute to the International Court of Justice in The Hague for arbitration and why the Ministers themselves have not proposed such a course of action as provided for in international law instead of relying solely on the good offices of the United States?

67. Question by Mr EPHREMODIS (H-81/82)

Subject: Statements by the US Foreign Minister, Alexander Haig

Having regard to the belligerent and inflammatory statements by Alexander Haig who openly declared that the Reagan government has no intention of renouncing the doctrine of the 'first nuclear strike' nor of agreeing to freeze nuclear weapons at their present level - which is one of the urgent demands of the peace movements who are calling for an end to the arms race and a gradual armaments' reduction - can the Council of Foreign Ministers state its reaction to and views on these statements which outraged international public opinion?

68. Question by Mr BALFE (H-98/82)

Subject: Repatriation of prisoners between Member States

Have the Foreign Ministers discussed the desirability of formulating a convention providing for the repatriation of prisoners between Member States of the Community?

69. Question by Mrs DURY (H-100/82)

Subject: Condemnation of the military regime in Turkey

Following the invitation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to the Member States to lodge a complaint against Turkey for violation of the European Convention on Human Rights, do the Ministers not think that this complaint should be lodged jointly by the Ten rather than by Norway alone?

70. Question by Mr PESMAZOGLU (H-102/82)

Subject: Continued Turkish occupation of Cypriot territories

Despite the UN resolutions, Turkey continues to occupy Cypriot territories. The tragic consequences of the 1974 invasion for the people of Cyprus are widely known. Recently an invasion in another part of the world rightly provoked a strong reaction from the European Community which accordingly took measures against the country responsible. Do not the Foreign Affairs Ministers consider that for reasons of principle, consistency and credibility a similar stance should be adopted towards Cyprus?

