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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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1. Question by Mr de la MALÈNE (H-5/76)

Subject: Diplomatic relations with third countries

If diplomatic relations are broken off between a Member State and a third country, may the Community negotiate with that third country?

2. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-26/76)

Subject: Different summer time arrangements in various countries of the Community

Does not the Council have to admit that the latest proof of the deplorable state of affairs in the Community is afforded by the fact that now, with the introduction of different summer time arrangements in various EEC countries, clocks in the Community no longer show the same time, and how does the Council propose to put an end to this abnormal situation as quickly as possible?

3. Question by Mr TERRENOIRE (H-45/76)

Subject : Summer Time

Has the introduction of Summer Time in some, but not all, European countries been the subject of consultations at Community level, and has account been taken of the difficulties such a disparity would create, particularly in the frontier regions ?

4. Question by Mr DONDELINGER (H-38/76)

Subject: Election of the European Parliament by universal suffrage

Does the Council not think that in the draft convention on the direct election of this Parliament it should provide for measures to prevent Member States from distorting the European electoral process by the fraudulent drawing of electoral boundaries?

5. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-40/76)

Subject: Defining the position of the Community in preparation for the UNCTAD Conference

Has the Council, in response to the Commission's request, defined the position of the Community in preparation for the UNCTAD Conference to be held shortly in Nairobi; and if so, what lines of approach are being adopted?

6. Question by Mr FLETCHER (H-41/76)

Subject : Advisory Committees

What is the purpose of the 100 or so Advisory Committees composed mainly of national civil servants, appointed by the Council (or the Commission), which operate in addition to the COREPER working parties ?

7. Question by Mrs GOUTMANN (H-42/76)

Subject: Visit by General Geisel to France and the United Kingdom

Does the Council approve the recognition given to the Brazilian dictatorship by two Member States who have invited to Europe the representative of a government which for twelve years has been oppressing the Brazilian people?

8. Question by Mr ANSART (H-43/76)

Subject: Interference in the political affairs of Member States

In accordance with the principle of political independence recognised by the final act of the European Conference on Security and Cooperation, to which all Member States are signatories, will the Council condemn the repeated statements made by politicians that the possibility of Communist Parties sharing in the government in certain Member States is to be deplored?

9. Question by Mrs EWING (H-13/76)

Subject : Surpluses of Agricultural Produce

In view of the various surpluses of agricultural produce in EEC countries, will the Council provide information for its guidelines for the disposal of these surpluses, and in particular, will they state what percentage of the surplus stocks will find its way to Eastern Europe, what percentage to the countries covered by the Lome Convention, and what percentage to the non-associate developing world ?



10. Question by Sir Geoffrey DE FREITAS (H-37/76)

Subject: Food aid for developing countries : skimmed milk powder

What is the average weekly cost to the Community of the storage of skimmed milk powder ?

11. Question by Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN (H-18/76)

Subject: Inter-Services Group in Financial Instruments

What progress is being made by the Commission's Inter-Services Group on Financial Instruments?

12. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-32/76)

Subject : Seat of the institutions of the Community

In view of the Commission's statement on 7 April 1976 that they were mobile and could leave Brussels, will they state what consideration is being given to establishing Parliament, Commission, and Council in one place, such as Luxembourg ?

13. Question by Mr NOLAN (H-33/76)

Subject : Early retirement

In view of the high numbers of unemployed young people what proposals has the Commission to promote early retirement so that young people have greater opportunities of getting jobs ?

14. Question by Mr SEEFELD (H-34/76)

Subject: Powers of the European Parliament

Does the Commission share the opinion expressed by Vice-President, Mr SCARASCIA MUGNOZZA, in Euroforum No. 11/76 that: 'it is especially important that during the first session new powers be carefully examined, so that they may be exercised from the second session onwards. On the other hand, it might be dangerous, at least in the initial phase, to grant constituent power to the European Parliament'?

15. Question by Mr EVANS (H-35/76)

Subject : EEC Regional Fund

What proposals does the Commission intend to put before the European Council to increase the EEC Regional Fund ?

16. Question by Mr YEATS (H-36/76)

Subject : Subsidies for fishing boats

Having regard to the lapse of the Commission's authorisation for national fuel subsidies for fishing boats, will the Commission state why such authorisation has not been renewed, and if any Member States grant aids of similar effect to fishing boats at the present time ?

17. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-39/76)

Subject: Imports of fertilisers into the Community

What steps does the Commission intend to propose to protect the jobs of workers in the Community Fertiliser Industry which are threatened by the dumping of Di-Amonium Phosphate (DAP) and Triple Superphosphate by the United States on the one hand, and of Nitrogenous Fertilisers from certain Comecon countries on the other, thereby threatening the continued existence of the Community Fertiliser Industry ?

18. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-46/76)

Subject : Community Transport Policy

Will the Commission, on the basis of the latest information available to them from Member Governments of the Community, say what in their view has been the impact of the energy and subsequent economic crisis, on the pattern of passenger and freight transport within the Community, and say whether this has resulted in a greater use of road transport at the expense of rail, inland waterways, and aviation, and, if so, whether this trend is recognised and accepted in formulating a future Community Transport Strategy ?

19. Question by Mr LENIHAN (H-47/76)

Subject : Nomination of Members of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of living and working conditions

Can the Commission give assurances that a proper balance will be respected with regard to employers' representatives on the Board of Administrative of the Foundation and also with regard to the independence of the Director of the Foundation as specified under Article 8 of Regulation no. 1365/75 of the Council of 26th May 1975 (1) ?

20. Question by Mr PATIJN (H-51/76)

Subject: Commissioner LARDINOIS' criticism of the development of the European Community

Will the Commission state its reaction to the sharp criticism made by Commissioner Lardinois of the development of the European Community, and does it consider that this criticism was made at the most opportune moment, i.e. when he had announced his resignation with a view to taking up another post at the beginning of next year?

(1) OJ L 139, 30.5.1975, p. 28

21. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-52/76)

Subject : Countervailing duties on Irish beef exports to the U.S.

Having regard to the recent imposition of countervailing duties on exports of Irish beef to the U.S., resulting in the total cessation of these exports, has the Commission taken up the matter with the U.S. authorities with a view to having these countervailing duties withdrawn ?