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QUESTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-50/76)

Subject : Breaking of UN sanctions against Rhodesia

In view of the note sent by Her Majesty's Government to the Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council, which accuses four Community Member States of assisting the airline AFFRETAIR in breaking the economic sanctions imposed by the UN against Rhodesia, will the President of the Conference give an assurance that this matter will be discussed at its next meeting, in order that economic sanctions against Rhodesia may be enforced as strictly as possible by all Member States?

2. Question by Mr COUSTÉ (H-7/76)

Subject: Opening of information offices in the ACP countries.

Does the Council not consider it appropriate, given the importance in every respect of the Lomé Convention and its implementation, for the Community to open information offices or organize travelling exhibitions in the Associated African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP countries)?

3. Question by Mr TERRENOIRE (H-62/76)

Subject: Relations between the Community and China

Does the Council intend to place on a forthcoming agenda the general question of relations between the Community and China?

4. Question by Mr FLETCHER (H-74/76)

Subject : Representation of Member States at meetings of the Council

Will the Council explain their rules governing the representation of Member States by civil servants, instead of by Ministers, at meetings of the Council of Ministers?

5. Question by Mr COINTAT (H-76/76)

Subject: Entry in the budget of appropriations for financial cooperation with third countries

In its resolution of 5 April 1976¹ the European Parliament called for the inclusion in the budget of appropriations for financial cooperation with Malta and reserved the right, should the Council object, to initiate the conciliation procedure; on 23 April 1976, the Council adopted a regulation on the financial protocol of the Association Agreement with Malta.

¹ OJ No. C 100, 3.5.1976, p.8

Does the adoption of this regulation mean that the Council has accepted the principle that the appropriations for this and other financial cooperation agreements should be entered in the budget since otherwise it should have informed Parliament so that the conciliation procedure could be opened?

6. Question by Mr NOLAN (H-83/76)

Subject : Jobs for school-leavers and graduates

As thousands of school leavers and graduates are now about to make themselves available for employment can the Council indicate any measures which have been adopted or action which will be taken by the Member States and the Community which will offer these young people an opportunity of finding suitable work?

7. Question by Mr Kristian ALBERTSEN (H-87/76)

Subject: Caribbean summit meeting

What steps has the Council taken to ensure that the views of the small Member States are/were represented at the Caribbean summit meeting between the USA, Britain, West Germany, France, Italy and Japan?

8. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-90/76)

Subject: New economic summit conference (second Rambouillet conference!)

What is the opinion of the Council on the new economic summit conference (second Rambouillet conference) convened by President FORD for the end of this month in Puerto Rico, to be attended on the European side only by the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom, France and Italy, without the European Community being represented in any way?

9. Question by Mr FRUH (H-54/76)

Subject: European courses for young workers and farmers at residential extension colleges and other residential adult education centres

What steps does the Commission intend to take in the light of the proposal from the European Office of Adult Education of 19 March 1976 for the promotion of European courses for young workers and farmers at residential extension colleges and other residential adult education centres and what timetable does it envisage for drawing up the corresponding proposal to the Council?

10. Question by Mr DONDELINGER (H-58/76)

Subject: Agreements made by oil companies in Marseilles

Has the Commission discharged its responsibilities under Articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty by investigating the agreements made by oil companies in MARSEILLES and exposed by the deputy mayor of the town, Mr Gaston DEFERRE?

11. Question by Mr SPICER (H-59/76)

Subject : Publication of public works contracts in the Official Journal

What action does the Commission intend to take to ensure that EEC Directive 71/305¹ relating to the publication of public works contracts in the Official Journal is observed by all Member States?

12. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-60/76)

Subject : First Action Programme for the Vocational Rehabilitation of Handicapped Persons

Can the Commission comment on the fact that although the First Action Programme for the Vocational Rehabilitation of Handicapped Persons, adopted by the Council in June 1974² represents Community policy, the present rules of the Social Fund do not permit the provision of financial support for activities which would be in keeping with the intentions of that programme?

¹ OJ No. L 185, 16.8.1971, p.5

² Resolution of the Council of 27.6.1974, OJ No. C 80/74, 9.7.1974, p.30

13. Question by Mr KRIEG (H-64/76)

Subject: Harmonization of diplomas

Will the Commission state what progress has been made towards the harmonization of diplomas?

14. Question by Mr de la MALENE (H-65/76)

Subject: Distortion of prices of spare parts for cars

Has the Commission taken effective action to end the distortion of prices of spare parts for cars in the EEC countries?

15. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-66/76)

Subject : Uniform identity card

Will the Commission introduce proposals to enable the competent authorities of member states to be able to issue to any citizen of any member state, free of charge, a photograph-carrying identity card of uniform colour and style which will enable the bearer to pass through any national frontier post of the Community without hindrance?

16. Question by Mrs BOOTHROYD (H-75/76)

Subject : Removal of restriction of movement within the Community

Does the Commission agree that the U.K. requirement for nationals of Community countries, other than Britain, to complete a white Landing Card on entering that country is in breach of Council Directive 68/360/EEC¹, which facilitates entry 'simply on production of a valid identity card or passport'?

If so, does the same apply to the completion of the 'Carte de Contrôle' required of passengers entering France by air, but not by sea or land?

¹ OJ No. L 257, 19.10.1968, p.13

17. Question by Mr McDONALD (H-68/76)

Subject : Operations of the E.I.B.

What steps are the Commission taking to ensure that the Regional Priorities, for the operations of the E.I.B., laid down in the Treaty of Rome are adequately respected?

18. Question by Mr EVANS (H-70/76)

Subject : European Regional Development Fund

When will the Commission have available comprehensive regional development programmes to provide a planning framework for the expenditure of the European Regional Development Fund? Will these programmes be made available to the European Parliament?

19. Question by Mr RIVIEREZ (H-73/76)

Subject: Extension of the field of application of the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF to the French overseas departments

Does the Commission intend to propose that the field of application of the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF should be extended to the French overseas departments in view of the fact that, although agriculture in these departments already suffers from numerous handicaps, only tobacco, pineapples and sugar benefit from the guarantee as against approximately 90% of agricultural products in the metropolitan departments?

20. Question by Mr SHAW (H-77/76)

Subject : Management of the Common Agricultural Policy

Would the Commission agree, in view of the answer ¹ given to Written Question No. 402/75,

- a) that much remains to be done before the Community acts relating to the common agricultural policy can be codified and indexed in a fully satisfactory manner and
- b) that there is a danger that such Community acts may not be uniformly applied throughout the Community if, at the present moment, it proves difficult 'to count "manually" all Community Acts in the field of agriculture as requested'.

¹ OJ No. C 99, 3.5.1976

21. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-79/76)

Subject : Expenditure on sessions

Would the Commission state whether the figure of B.Frs. 700,000 quoted in the reply to Written Question No. 57/76 includes the cost of the avion taxi and the cost of attendance of Members of the Commission at sessions of the European Parliament at Strasbourg and Luxembourg?

22. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-80/76)

Subject : Intracommunity trade in small meat cuts

As present Community legislation allows Member States to maintain national prohibitions on trade in meat cuts of less than 3 kg, resulting in a restriction in intracommunity trade in these products, will the Commission propose measures to eliminate these restrictions and allow the development of intracommunity trade in these products?

23. Question by Mr LENIHAN (H-81/76)

Subject : Social and Economic forecasting in the Member States

Does the Commission not consider that the failure to take a census of the population in a Member State will severely handicap social and economic forecasting for that country?

24. Question by Mr HERBERT (H-82/76)

Subject : Old Age Pensioners

What limitations restrict the Commission in taking action or making proposals for the benefit of old age pensioners?

25. Question by Mr Kai NYBORG (H-84/76)

Subject: Marine oil pollution

Has the Commission done or contemplated doing anything to combat the pollution caused by routine oil discharges from oil rigs, which is harmful to marine life? (UN experts estimate that these discharges account for close on 7 million tons of oil a year).

26. Question by Mr DYKES (H-88/76)

Subject : Public purchasing policy and public supply contracts

What state of development has the draft directive on public purchasing policy and public supply contracts reached before final submission to the Council of Ministers?

27. Question by Mr LIOGIER (H-91/76)

Subject: Over-production of peaches in the Community

Given the over-production of peaches in the Community, does the Commission intend to give a favourable reply to the French request to withhold small peaches, from the market, and does it intend to reintroduce compensatory amounts for fruit and vegetables, given that the absence of these amounts is at present creating severe distortions of competition, notably between France and Italy?

