

European Communities

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Working Documents

1976 - 1977

9 June 1976

DOCUMENT 147/76

ORAL QUESTIONS (O-82, 83, 84/75)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr DURIEUX, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group

to the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Member States

- pursuant to Paragraph 4, second sub-paragraph, of the Communiqué of the Summit Conference of 9 and 10 December 1974 -

to the Council

and Commission of the European Communities

Subject: The Community's external relations

By virtue of the Lomé Convention, Mediterranean policy, the Euro-Arab dialogue, consultation procedures with the United States, contacts with COMECON and commercial policy - to mention only the major items of its external relations - the Community is a powerful and active force in the world.

PE 43.922

However, these many and varied relations, though mainly concerned with economic questions, have fundamental political consequences. They should not, therefore, represent the haphazard and confused expression of a material power but should, instead, fit coherently into a broad design based on a shared concept of Europe's place in the world and of its consequent political, economic, social and cultural role.

Could the Conference of Foreign Ministers, the Council of Ministers and the Commission state whether such a design does exist and, if it does, indicate its principal lines and major projects and describe the mechanisms which have led to its creation, stand surety for its democratic quality and guarantee its permanence?