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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr HERBERT and Mr de la MALÈNE, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Commission of the European Community

Subject : Deterioration in EEC-US Trade Relations

Over the past year the United States authorities have been increasingly critical of the EEC. They have made serious allegations against our agricultural and industrial exports to the U.S. market. The trend is such that it is now reasonable to predict increasing difficulties of an economic nature between the European Community and the U.S.

1. Would the Commission agree that the statements expressed above are correct ?
2. Does the Commission consider that the United States is justified in adopting an attitude critical of the Community and in taking measures which affect Community exports to the U.S. market ?

3. Will the Commission outline the reasons behind the current attitudes of the U.S. with particular reference to the balance of trade between the Community and the U.S. ?
4. Does the Commission consider that present European Community - U.S. relations could deteriorate further leading to an economic war which would be detrimental to both economies ?
5. What policy is the Commission pursuing at the moment on this matter and what action does the Commission propose to take to rectify the measures already taken by the U.S. authorities ?