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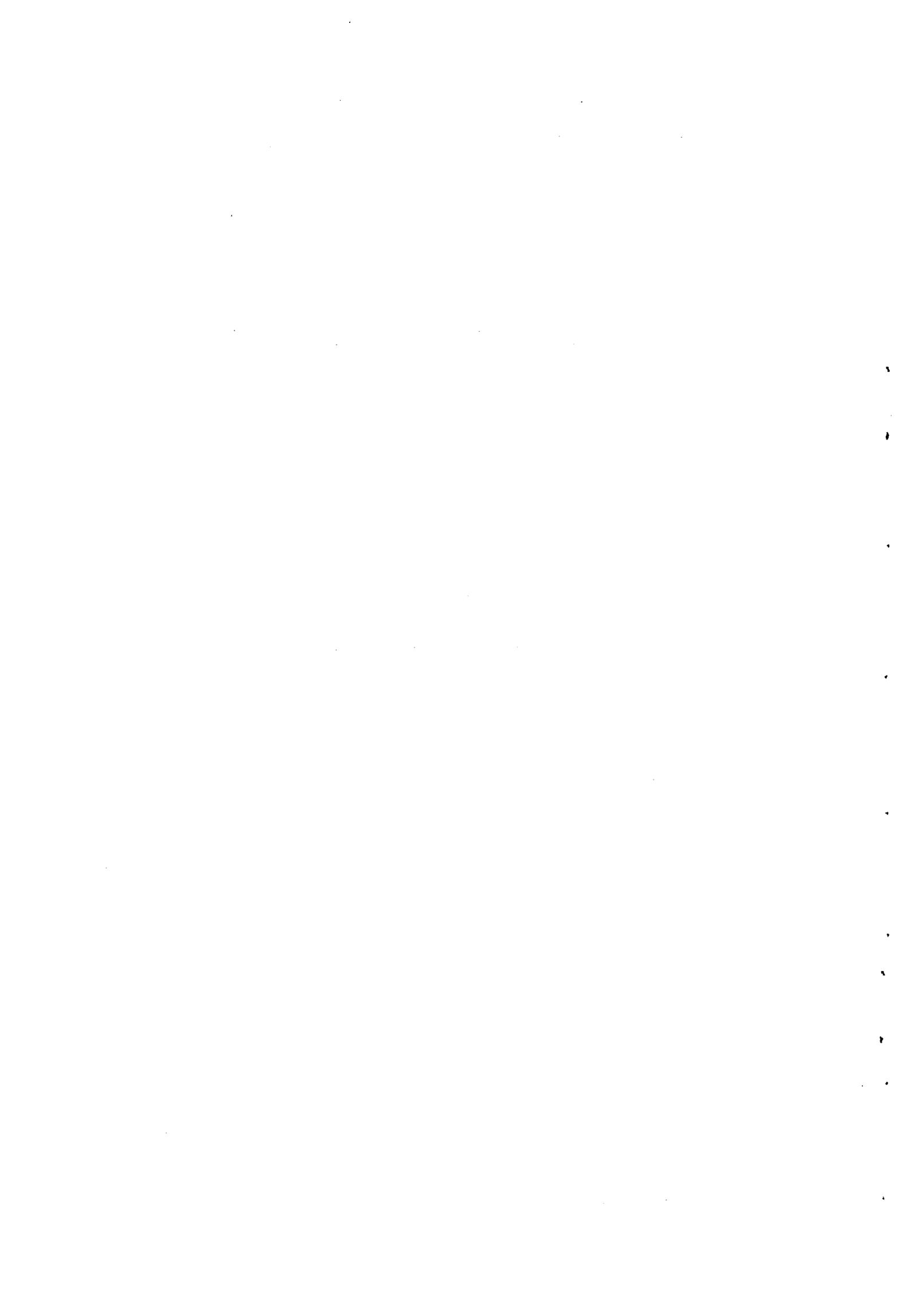
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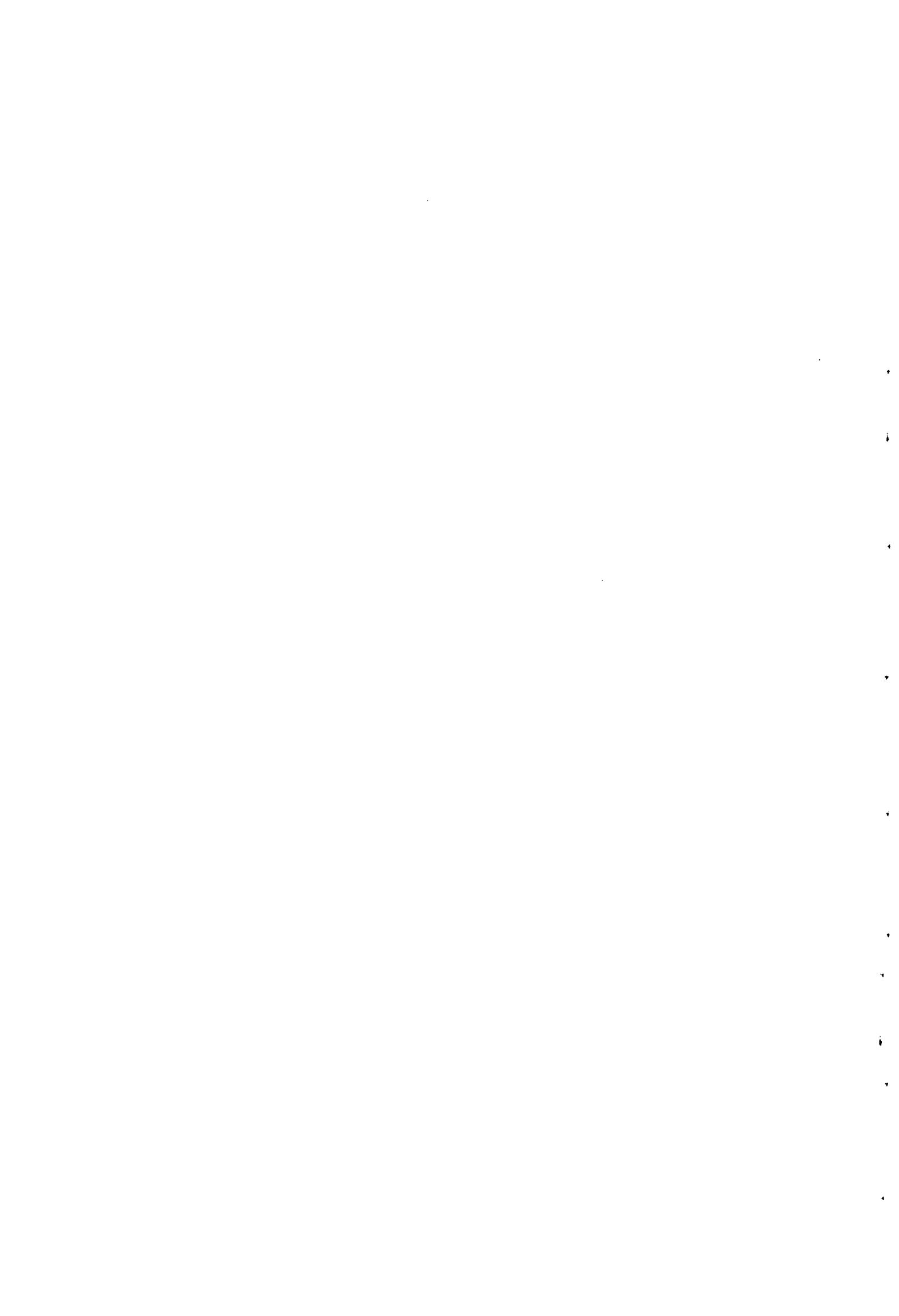


QUESTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Mr DURIEUX (H-89/76)

Subject: Tindemans Report

Can the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs say what stage has been reached in the consideration of the Tindemans Report and when does it think it will be able to take practical steps towards consulting the European institutions in the context of the Community procedure?



2. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-56/76)

Subject: Role of European Parliament

What steps are being taken by the Council to implement those recommendations of the Tindemans Report which relate to the role of the European Parliament in the period preceding direct elections?

3. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-61/76)

Subject: Attainment of freedom of establishment

Does the Council intend to hasten the attainment of freedom of establishment by taking action on the numerous proposals lying dormant in its files?

4. Question by Mr DONDELINGER (H-95/76)

Subject: Community social action programme

As the Council's social action programme of 21 January 1974 has almost come to an end, does the Council intend to propose a new programme taking account of the present social situation?

5. Question by Mr de CLERCQ (H-102/76)

Subject: Opening of negotiations for Greece's accession to the European Community

As six months have now elapsed since the formal decision was taken to open constructive negotiations for Greece's accession to the European Community, can the Council give the date on which these negotiations will in fact be opened?

6. Question by Mr FLETCHER (H-103/76)

Subject : Council Minutes

Will the Council in future publish the Minutes of their legislative meetings in the Official Journal ?

7. Question by Mrs EWING (H-108/76)

Subject : Meetings of the Council of Ministers

Whether the Council will now reconsider its previous position and agree to meet in public when discussing proposals for legislation ?

8. Question by Sir Geoffrey de FREITAS (H-55/76)

Subject: Community-Offices outside Europe

What is the purpose of maintaining offices outside the Community and in what cities are they established?

9. Question by Mr ELLIS (H-67/76)

Subject: Grants from European Regional Development Fund

What arrangements are there for local authorities to receive grants made in respect of their infrastructure projects from the European Regional Development Fund?

10. Question by Mr EVANS (H-71/76)

Subject: Payments from the European Regional Development Fund

What is the total of actual payments so far from the European Regional Development Fund, and what rate of disbursements does the Commission forecast for the rest of 1976?

11. Question by Mr CREED (H-69/76)

Subject: Cross border studies between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

What progress is being made with cross border studies between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland?

12. Question by Mr COINTAT (H-72/76)

Subject: Deposit on Italian imports

Having authorized the introduction of a 50% deposit on the value of Italian imports (a measure which will be bound to curb imports by increasing their cost), even though Italy's exports are already in a strong competitive position owing to the undervaluation of the lira, is not the Commission concerned that there may be an attempt to apply such measures generally throughout Europe, which would inevitably impede the free movement of goods and services, when the real problem for which solutions ought to be found is a monetary one?

13. Question by Mr NYBORG (H-85/76)

Subject: Aid for fisheries research

Does the Commission, if it received applications to this effect, intend to provide aid for research into the use of new fishing methods in deeper waters than those traditionally fished?

14. Question by Miss FLESCH (H-92/76)

Subject : Trade relations with India

What steps has the Community taken to extend and strengthen the trade relations with India, as provided in the Joint Declaration of Intant, and how does the Commission envisage the further evolution of the Community's relations with India in the framework of the overall development cooperation policy?

15. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-93/76)

Subject: Health protection standards for use and manufacture of asbestos

What plans do the Commission have to lay down health protection standards regarding the use of asbestos and the manufacture of asbestos materials?

16. Question by Mr SPICER (H-96/76)

Subject: Safety standards in case of fire

Does the Commission have any plans to draw up minimum safety standards in case of fire for hotels, places of entertainment, shops and offices?

17. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-97/76)

Subject: Mutual recognition of teaching diplomas

Can the Commission give details concerning the developments in relation to mutual recognition of teaching diplomas and qualifications and state what its attitude to recognition of service abroad for purposes of recognition of total length of service would be?

18. Question by Mr LENIHAN (H-98/76)

Subject: Irish Economic position within the Community

In view of the Irish Government's failure to obtain a wages agreement satisfactory to the European Commission and in view of Ireland's handling of the consequences of the implementation of equal pay, what measures does the Commission propose following its study of the Irish Economy to improve Ireland's Economic standing within the Community?

19. Question by Mr NOLAN (H-99/76)

Subject: Maize-based sugar substitute

Does the Commission consider that the manufacture of a new sugar substitute - fructose syrup - from maize poses a threat to the production of sugar from sugar beet, thereby affecting the incomes of beet producers?

20. Question by Miss BOOTHROYD (H-100/76)

Subject: Award of public works contracts

In view of the fact that the number of public works contracts advertised pursuant to EEC Directive 71/305¹ between 1 August 1972 and 31 March 1976 by Italy was 8, by France 818 and by West Germany 1500 whereas since 1 July 1973 Denmark advertised 107, Ireland 68 and the United Kingdom 2536, and that this Directive is causing administrative delay and expense in tendering, without achieving its objective of achieving freedom to provide services, will the Commission -

- a) raise the value of contracts covered by the Directive substantially above the present level of lm.u.a. ?
- b) ensure that it is strictly observed by all Member States ?

¹ OJ No. L 185, 16.8.1971, p.5

21. Question by Mr BANGEMANN (H-101/76)

Subject: Cooperation agreements between European and American aircraft manufacturers

Is the Commission aware that negotiations are being held with a view to the conclusion of cooperation agreements between European and American aircraft manufacturers? If so, how does it view this development? Does the Commission not see a contradiction between its 'Action Programme for the European Aeronautical Sector' (communication and proposal from the Commission to the Council of 3 October 1975) and the efforts of the aeronautical industry to find cooperation partners in the USA?

22. Question by Mr FRUH (H-104/76)

Subject: Organization of the market in alcohol

Why has the Commission still not introduced emergency measures - pursuant to Art. 43(2) subparagraph 3 of the EEC Treaty - to deal with the intolerable situation on the alcohol market, pending the introduction of an organization of the market in alcohol?

23. Question by Mr SCHWÖRER (H-105/76)

Subject: Emergency measures for agricultural alcohol

Does the Commission not propose to respond to the unanimous demands from European farmers (COPA), the European alcohol and spirits producing and processing industry (European Alcohol Union) and the governments of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Netherlands for emergency measures for agricultural alcohol?

24. Question by Mr KLEPSCH (H-106/76)

Subject: Adjustment of trade monopolies

What is the Commission's reaction to the fact that one Member State has repealed previous protective measures following the decisions of the European Court of Justice of 3 and 17 February 1976 on the adjustment of trade monopolies, thereby plunging its alcohol industry into severe difficulties, while another Member State has maintained protective measures of a similar kind?

25. Question by Mrs CARETTONI ROMAGNOLI (H-107/76)

Subject: Symposium on 'Women and the European Community'

What action has the Commission taken, or does it intend to take, on the proposals made by Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities at the end of the symposium on 'Women and the European Community' held in Brussels last March?

26. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-109/76)

Subject : International Sugar Negotiations

What are the Commission's views on the future of the world sugar market and the associated international agreements and Institutions ?

