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ORAL QUESTION (0-49/75)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr TERRENOIRE, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive
Democrats

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Difficulties facing the textile industry and measures
to be taken to remedy them

In view of the persistent difficulties facing the textile industry, aggravated by the growing number of trade agreements despite the voluntary restraint clauses which they contain, what measures to the Council and Commission intend to take to safeguard this labour-intensive industry which is such an important part of the industrial fabric of many regions in our Member States?

These measures should make it possible to prevent disruption of the market and combat the deterioration of the employment situation, in particular by reducing the social charges which are a heavy burden on this sector and by substantially increasing the activities of and scope for intervention by the Social Fund in this field.

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