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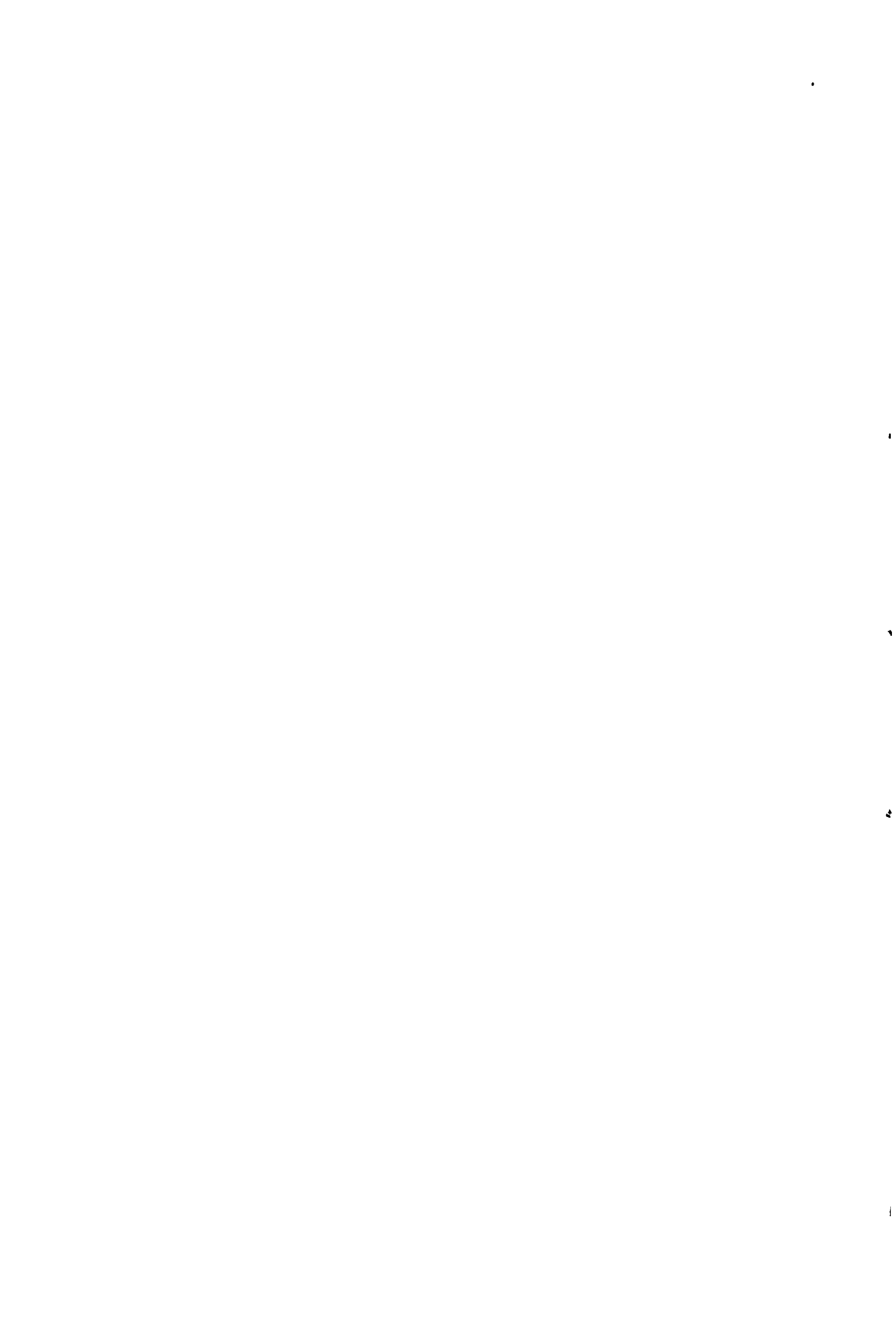
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QUESTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. Question by Mr BLUMENFELD (H-269/75)

Subject: Common EEC Position on the Angola question

How does the Conference regard the fact that the French government has recognised the MPLA government in Angola without waiting for all the Member States of the EEC to take joint action on this matter, although, only a few days previously, the President of France had expressed regret at the lack of a common European policy on Angola?



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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

2. Question by Mr OSBORN (H-197/75)  
Subject : Commercial Vehicles

How near is the Council to an agreement on Community standards for weights and dimensions of commercial vehicles ?

3. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-249/75)  
Subject: Relations with Canada

At its meeting of 20 January the Council stated that the Community was prepared to enter into negotiations with Canada with a view to the conclusion of an outline agreement on trade and economic cooperation but expressed the hope that consideration would be given to the problem of non-discriminatory access to resources and the stability of supplies.

Can the Council explain exactly what it meant by this and when it expects to be able to reach a conclusion?

4. Question by Sir Geoffrey DE FREITAS (H-251/75)  
Subject : Overseas Development : Audit Board

Does the Council still refuse to recognize the Audit Board as a competent administration within the Community under Article 6 (5) of the European Development Fund's rules of procedure ?

5. Question by Mr SEEFELD (H-258/75)  
Subject: Introduction of a European Passport

Is it true that the problems involved - according to press reports - in the introduction of a European passport are so serious that the 1978 target date for introduction of the passport may not be met? What is the nature of these problems?

6. Question by Mr DURIEUX (H-262/75)  
Subject : Work on the new Eurocontrol Convention

Having regard to the progress of the working party responsible for considering the future role of Eurocontrol, does the Council intend - in the context of the common transport policy - to coordinate the action of those Member States which belong to Eurocontrol with a view to that organization assuming control of their airspace?

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7. Question by Mr FLETCHER (H-266/75)  
Subject : Codification of Council items appearing in the Official Journal

Will the Council undertake in future to indicate against all Council items in the Official Journal those which derive from decisions which were taken as "A" points (i.e. decisions previously agreed upon by an intergovernmental body of national civil servants in Coreper) ?

8. Question by Mr DYKES (H-274/75)  
Subject: Relations between the EEC and the Soviet Union

In view of the failure of the Soviet Union to fulfil its obligations under the Helsinki agreement does the Council envisage a change in its policy on relations between the EEC and the Soviet Union?

9. Question by Mr MURSCH (H-279/75)  
Subject: General debate on transport policy

Does the Council intend to continue the general debate on transport policy and to pursue it far enough to enable the Transport Ministers to submit to the Council for its next session a resolution bringing out the capital importance of transport policy for the maintenance of the existing Common Market and of the increasing freedom of movement of persons and goods in the projected European Union, so that the European Council can take greater account of this fact in its deliberations on European Union?

10. Question by Mr SPICER (H-280/75)  
Subject : The Benguela railway

Have any contingency plans been made, or even discussed, to cover the eventuality of the Angolan Government asking for urgent assistance with a view to the reopening of the Benguela railway ?

11. Question by Mr LEONARDI (H-281/75)  
Subject : Site of the JET project

In view of the position already adopted by the Commission, what were the Council's reasons for not taking a final decision on the programme for siting the JET project at its meeting of 24 February 1976?

What does the Council's decision to set up a 'Consultative Committee for the Fusion Programme' mean in practice?

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QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

12. Question by Mr COINTAT (H-227/75)

Subject: Strengthening the Community's Information Offices in the Member States

Does the Commission not feel that the Community's Information Offices in the Member States and regions ought to be strengthened and extended with the aim of assuring an adequate supply of information on the functioning of the intervention instruments available to the Community, such as the Social Fund, the Regional Fund and the EAGGF, thereby encouraging people to participate in the life of the Community?

13. Question by Mr HAMILTON (H-229/75)

Subject : Shortage of skilled labour

What steps are being taken to collect information within the EEC concerning the shortage of skilled labour in specific crafts; and what action can be taken to relate training facilities to these shortages ?

14. Question by Mr de la MALÈNE (H-231/75)

Subject: Agreement concluded in Jamaica within the framework of the Interim Committee on the Reform of the International Monetary System

Will the agreement recently concluded in Jamaica, within the framework of the Interim Committee on the Reform of the International Monetary System, effectively guarantee a period of monetary stability?

15. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-239/75)

Subject : "Two-tier" Community

Does the Commission's opinion of the idea of a "two-tier" Community, with two groups of Member States progressing economically at different speeds, remain the same as that expressed by their Spokesman at a press conference on November 21st, 1974, and reiterated as a personal view by Mr Ortoli on January 8, 1976, - namely, that such a scheme would be extremely damaging to the future unity of Europe ?

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16. Question by Mr NOE' (H-259/75)  
Subject: Nuclear safety

Does the Commission not think that it would be useful to widen the field of JRC nuclear safety research programmes from reactors to the entire fuel cycle?

17. Question by Mr DALYELL (H-261/75)  
Subject : European Parliament meeting in Strasbourg and Luxembourg

The consequences of the European Parliament meeting in Strasbourg and Luxembourg are felt by all the Community institutions including the European Commission. Can the European Commission inform the Parliament as to how many of its officials, on average, are obliged to attend sessions of the European Parliament in these two places and what the consequences are, in budgetary terms, of such missions ?

18. Question by Mr MARRAS (H-265/75)  
Subject: Increase in the sugar quota

Is the Commission prepared (particularly in view of the substantial shortfall in production) to agree to the request of associations of Italian beet growers for an increase in Italy's quota for sugar, bringing it up to at least 1.5 million tonnes?

19. Question by Mr HARZSCHEL (H-267/75)  
Subject: Competition and price policy of multinational companies

What steps has the Commission taken to date and what proposals has it submitted with a view to rendering the competition and price policy of multinational companies more transparent and does it believe in this context, that a special code of conduct for multinational companies would be possible and effective?



20. Question by Mr EVANS (H-270/75)

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