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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Mr McDONALD (H-2/75)

Subject : Trade in live sheep, mutton and lamb

Will the Council say what the situation will be regarding the access of Irish live sheep, mutton and lamb to the French market at the end of the transitional period in 1977; also would the Council say why certain other member states have more favourable access than Ireland to the French market for these products ?

2. Question by Mr DURIEUX (H-4/75)

Subject: National contributions to Community expenditure

Does the Council envisage having recourse to the procedure under Article 235 - as proposed by the Commission - in respect of the correcting mechanism for national contributions to Community expenditure?

3. Question by Mr MARRAS (H-5/75)

Subject: Choice of West Berlin as location for the Vocational Training Centre

Has the Council, in choosing West Berlin as the location for the European Vocational Training Centre considered the difficulties that will beset the Centre's functional operation owing to the fact that Berlin has a special status under international law?

4. Question by Mr BLUMENFELD (H-6/75)

Subject: Bilateral agreements between Member States and state-trading countries and other third countries

How does the Council view the fact that bilateral agreements on trade, credit and cooperation between individual Member States and third countries, especially state-trading countries, are still being concluded (e.g. the recent agreement between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union) and what position will it adopt on this question?

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5. Question by Mr GLINNE (H-10/75)

Subject: The Community's observer status at the United Nations

What arrangements regarding representativity, competencies (Article 229 of the Treaty) and practical organization has the Council made now that the 29th General Assembly has granted the Community observer status at the United Nations, with the right to speak in committee?

6. Question by Mr SEEFELD (H-12/75)

Subject: Daily allowances for European Community staff

In view of the fact that since 1971, daily allowances for European Community staff have not been adjusted to take account of price rises, especially in the services sector, when will the Council award this long overdue rise?

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7. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-1/75)

Subject: Arrest of prominent persons in Spain

Following the arrest of a certain number of prominent persons in Spain after the creation of the 'Junta Democratica de Madrid', can the Commission say what have been the results of démarches made by a certain number of its members to obtain the release of these persons?

8. Question by Mr BORMANTON (H-3/75)

Subject : Storage capacity for oil and oil products

What practical measures have been adopted by the Commission to establish increased storage capacity for oil and oil products within the Community and whether the Commission is satisfied with the progress to date ?

9. Question by Mr KIRK (H-7/75)

Subject : Feed grains prices

What is the difference in landed prices (including M.C.A. payments) of feed grains from Community countries and from 3rd countries at Liverpool and Belfast ?

10. Question by Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS (H-8/75)

Subject : Answer to written questions

Would the Commission state how many written questions it received in January 1975, and how many of these were answered within 30 days ?

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11. Question by Lord REAY (H-9/75)

Subject : Limitation of shareholdings by residents of third countries

Is the Commission considering proposals in order to prevent the possibility of Member States adopting divergent regulations to limit the extent of shareholdings taken up in Community undertakings by residents of third countries, and if so, are they thinking along the lines of a limitation of shareholders, voting rights, or of the establishment of an international investment fund with specified powers of investment in such undertakings, or other possibilities ?

12. Question by Mr ANSART (H-11/75)

Subject: Demands by French fishermen

Does the Commission consider it advisable to take the necessary steps to aid French fishermen by regulating imports of fish and ensuring that exporters respect the ceiling prices fixed in Brussels?

13. Question by Mr TERRENOIRE (H-13/75)

Subject: The United States' present laissez-faire monetary policy

To what extent is the Commission of the European Communities disturbed about the United States' present policy of laissez-faire in monetary matters and its consequences for:

- the pattern of international trade and, in particular, Community exports,
- the direction taken by the recycling of the funds released by the oil-producing countries?

14. Question by Mrs GOUTMANN (H-14/75)

Subject: Famine in the Cape Verde Islands

Does not the Commission feel it should take urgent action to make available substantial aid for the Cape Verde Islands whose progress towards independence could be jeopardized by the famine afflicting the population?

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15. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-15/75)

Subject : Imports of beef from third countries

Considering recent statements that the Commission is contemplating a relaxation of the ban on beef imports from third countries and having regard to the current high stocks of beef in intervention storage and the low prices still being received by producers, on what basis could the Commission justify a proposal to lift the ban on beef imports from third countries, even partially, without seriously jeopardizing beef production and the incomes of beef producers in the E.E.C. ?

16. Question by Mr YEATS (H-16/75)

Subject : Calculation of unemployment statistics

Has the Commission taken any measures to harmonize the methods of calculating unemployment figures in the Member States and of providing a standard breakdown of these figures by category (young people, migrants, etc.) and by sector (various industries, services etc.) ?

17. Question by Mr Ole ESPERSEN (H-17/75)

Subject: Destruction and denaturing of fish

What changes does the Commission intend to propose to the withdrawal price regulations for fish in order to prevent fish suitable for human consumption from being destroyed or used for feeding mink or producing fishmeal, as happened in Denmark in recent weeks?

18. Question by Mr DYKES (H-18/75)

Subject : Food prices in the United Kingdom

Does the Commission agree with the assessment of the British Government that food prices in the United Kingdom are lower than they would be if Britain had not been a Member of the Community; and will the Commission indicate the principal food items which are cheaper as a result of such membership ?

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19. Question by Mr DELLA BRIOTTA (H-19/75)

Subject: Meetings of agricultural advisory committees

When did the advisory committees on beet-growing, fruit and vegetables, vegetable oils and fats, and tobacco, last meet, and does the Commission think that the Common Agricultural Policy can function properly without the timely advice of these committees?

20. Question by Mr LABAN (H-20/75)

Subject : Mandate of the Commission at the 3rd Conference on the law
of the sea

Which mandate has the Commission got for the 2nd part of the 3rd Conference on the law of the sea concerning fishing rights and the conservation of fish stocks ?