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ORAL QUESTION (0-106/77)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47

of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr CORRIE, on behalf of the

European Conservative Group

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject : Council of Ministers

Against the background of many suggestions in this Parliament over the years for improved access to and knowledge of the proceedings of the Council of Ministers, will the President-in-Office state which of the following proposals the Council is willing to implement :

1. Draft and publish definitive Rules of Procedure, to replace the existing provisional and unpublished Rules.
2. 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 inter-governmental body of national civil servants in COREPER).

3. Make a monthly oral report to Parliament on conclusions reached, specifying in each case whether decisions were reached unanimously, by a majority vote, with or without abstentions.
4. Publish in the Official Journal a record of the conclusions reached by each Council meeting, including an explanation of the majority and minority view.
5. Introduce a distinction between legislative and non-legislative sessions of the Council, and
  - (a) Publish in the Official Journal the minutes of the legislative sessions
  - (b) Admit the public to legislative sessions.

For those proposals which the Council is unwilling to implement forthwith, will the Council say why?