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ORAL QUESTION (O-20/83)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr GLINNE, Mr SCHMID and Mr HÄNSCH
on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Foreign Ministers of the ten Member States of the
European Community meeting in political cooperation

Subject : Middle East policy of the Ten

During its January part-session, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in the Middle East. In March, a statement on the Middle East was issued by the European Council.

Moreover, the PLO's rapprochement with Jordan, the diplomatic initiatives of King Hussein and the political developments within Israel are important new factors.

The President-in-Office of the Council is therefore asked:

1. What importance do the Ten attach to the Middle East, particularly in view of the historical responsibility of European states for the present situation in the region, and bearing in mind the enlargement of the Community towards the south?
2. What part can the Ten play alongside the USA and the USSR in bringing about a peace process in the Middle East?

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3. In the Ten's view, can a people's right to self-determination take any other form in practice than that of a state and, if not, why do the Ten not speak out openly for the right of the Palestinian people to have their own state?
4. How do the Ten regard the King of Jordan's initiatives and the rapprochement of the PLO with Jordan, aimed at securing a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, and are they prepared to lend political support to the efforts of King Hussein?
5. Are the Ten ready to exert political and economic pressure on any of the parties involved if one of those parties constantly opposes the accepted principles of international law?