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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr CALEWAERT, Lord MURRAY of GRAVESEND, Mr BAYERL, Mr HOFFMANN, Mr BROEKSZ, ADAMS and Sir Geoffrey de FREITAS

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Legal policy of the European Communities

With the exception of the approximation of legislation concerned with trade, a considerable delay has become apparent in the work of the European Community on legal policy. Promising initiatives concerned with reform, particularly in the economic and social spheres, have not been followed up. We therefore ask the Council

1. What stage deliberations have reached on
  - (a) the third and fourth directives on company law
  - (b) the regulation on the European company
  - (c) the directive on collective investment undertakings for transferable securities
  - (d) work on the special rights of citizens of the Member States.

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2. What progress has been achieved with the adaptation of the Convention on the Mutual Recognition of Companies and Legal Persons and the ratification of the Convention on Patent Law, and how does the Council plan to overcome the present obstacles?
3. How frequently has the Council of Ministers of Justice been convened and when will its next meeting be?
4. How does this procedure, in particular the number of meetings, compare with the other Councils?
5. How can the working procedure of the Council of Ministers of Justice be improved in order to cope with the particular difficulties of Community legal policy?
6. Does the Council see any possibility for accelerating the Commission's work on their preliminary drafts relating to legal policy in which government experts regularly take part?
7. When will the Council comply with the undertaking given by it to apply the information procedure to matters of especial importance connected with the Statute for European companies?