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ORAL QUESTION (0-7/76)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure,
by Mr GLINNE, Mr Knud NIELSEN, Mr BROEKSZ and Mr WALKHOFF
on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Relations between Uruguay and the Community

The Uruguay mission to the Communities has proposed that the EEC/Uruguay joint committee, which is responsible for administering the trade agreement between the two parties, should hold its first meeting in Brussels in the course of the first half of June, when it will review the functioning of the agreement since its entry into force in August 1974.

The Uruguayan Government also requested the EEC to consider including its country among recipients of tariff quotas for certain cotton textile products opened by the Community under the 1976 generalized preference arrangements.

It so happens that this request of the Uruguayan Government was made just at the time that renowned organization for the protection of human rights - Amnesty International - launched a week-long world-wide campaign of protest against the unspeakable methods practised by the Uruguayan police against political prisoners, who outnumber those in the rest of South America, except in Chile.

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1. Does the Commission not feel it ought to turn down Uruguay's request?

2. Does the Commission not feel it ought to adopt towards the existing Uruguayan régime the same attitude it adopted towards the Spanish régime and the colonels' régime in Greece?