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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. Question by Mr BROEKSZ (H-43/75)  
Subject: Expediting of Community decision-making procedures

What actual measures has the Council taken since its note of 7 February 1974 on 'practical measures concerning the Council's work' - drawn up partly in response to the fourth subparagraph of paragraph 15 of the Declaration of the Summit Conference held on 19-21 October 1972 in Paris - 'to expedite the decision-making procedures in the Community' and thus give effect to paragraph 6 of the above note?

2. Question by Lord REAY (H-44/75)  
Subject : Amalgamation of embassies of Member States

Has the Council considered the possibility of amalgamating the embassies of Member States into a single Community embassy in any third country ?

3. Question by Mr MARRAS (H-45/75)  
Subject: Measures to guarantee Italian migrant workers the right to take part in the elections to be held on 15 June 1975

Does the Commission feel that it should take action - and, if so, by what means -

- (a) to ensure that the greatest possible number of Italian citizens employed in other Community countries are able to take part in the regional, provincial and municipal elections to be held in Italy on 15 June 1975, and
- (b) to guarantee that migrants will not run the risk of losing their jobs by exercising their right to vote?

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4. Question by Mr HERBERT (H-48/75)

Subject : Regional Fund

Does the Council consider that the recent statement by the President-in-Office of the Council of Ministers "that a majority of Member States will opt to use fund assistance in part repayment to their exchequers of expenditure on state aids rather than apply it to increase the level of aid granted to some individual projects" is contrary to the spirit and the intention of the Regional Fund which is to supplement national aids and not to be a substitute for them ?

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QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

5. Question by Mr LENIHAN (H-49/75)  
Subject : Regional Fund

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6. Question by Mr DURIEUX (H-41/75)  
Subject: Creation of a European Regional Development Fund

Did the Commission, when setting up the European Regional Development Fund, make a detailed appraisal of the future relationship between this fund and the European Investment Bank?

7. Question by Mr PREMOLI (H-42/75)  
Subject: Establishment of a regional policy committee

Will the establishment of a regional policy committee involve the creation of a new legal personality distinct from the Commission? To what extent does the Commission intend to delegate to this new organ its powers of initiative and action in regional matters?

8. Question by Mr BORDU (H-40/75)  
Subject: Chilean external debt

What steps does the Commission intend to take to call upon the Member States of the Community to refuse all economic aid and political support to the military dictatorship which is in power in Chile?

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9. Question by Mr van der HEK (H-51/75)

Subject: Preparatory conference on energy

What were the respective positions of the Community and the Commission on the main questions raised at the preparatory conference on energy, in particular :

- oil
- primary commodities
- development cooperation (industrialization, the transfer of technology etc.)
- international finance
- the number of countries represented at the Conference?

10. Question by Mr HOUGARDY (H-53/75)

Subject: Harmonization of oil product prices

Does the Commission not think that, if the objectives of the common energy policy are to be achieved, priority should be given to fixing the prices for oil products ?

11. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-39/75)

Subject : Re-cycling of waste products

What measures do the Commission propose to adopt for promoting the recovery and re-cycling of waste products, both domestic and industrial, and whether they are satisfied that trade in waste materials is flowing freely within the Community and in accordance with the Treaty of Rome ?

12. Question by Mr NOLAN (H-50/75)

Subject : Dumping of radioactive waste in the eastern Atlantic

Considering the dangers to fish and the marine environment by the dumping of radioactive waste in deep-water dumps in the Eastern Atlantic what control does the Commission exercise over such dumping by Member States ?

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13. Question by Mrs ORTH (H-46/75)

Subject: Annual Commission report on structures for the fishing industry

Article 7(1) of Regulation No. 2141/70 of the Council of 20 October 1970 on a common structural policy for the fishing industry<sup>1</sup> provides that the Commission shall submit an annual report to Parliament and the Council on structures for the fishing industry in the Community. Why has no report yet been produced, and when does the Commission intend to comply with this regulation?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 236, 27 October 1970, p. 1

14. Question by Mr GIBBONS (H-47/75)

Subject : Aids for Casein

As the amount of aid for skimmed milk processed into casein is determined by the price for skimmed milk powder in the Community and for caseins in international trade, and considering that the world market price for casein has fallen considerably in recent months does the Commission intend to increase the amount of aid granted to casein production to compensate for this fall in world prices ?

15. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-52/75)

Subject : Conciliation procedure relating to transport infrastructure.

Does the Commission consider that the conciliation procedure relating to transport infrastructure, introduced by the Council decision of 28th February 1966 can be appropriately applied to the situation where British Rail has announced their intention of closing Holyhead port for shipment of Irish cattle ?

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16. Question by Mr FELLERMAIER (H-54/75)

Subject: Presence of the Commission of the 19th Meeting of the EEC/Turkey  
Joint Parliamentary Committee

Why was the Commission not represented by a Commissioner or Secretary-General or at least by a Director-General at the 19th Meeting of the EEC/Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee held in Copenhagen from 21 to 25 April 1975?

17. Question by Mr KLEPSCH (H-55/75)

Subject : Presence of the Commission at the 19th Meeting of the EEC/Turkey  
Joint Parliamentary Committee in Copenhagen

Does not the Commission, as the executive body of the European Community, consider it necessary in a difficult international situation to have a competent Commissioner attend the twice-yearly meetings of the EEC/Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, such as the one held in Copenhagen from 21 to 25 April 1975, in order to address the Members of Parliament and answer their questions?

18. Question by Mr GIRARDIN (H-56/75)

Subject : Absence of the Commission from the meeting of the EEC/Turkey  
Joint Parliamentary Committee

Why was it not possible for the competent member of the Commission to attend the meeting of the EEC/Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee of 23 April despite its relevance to current problems and its special political importance.