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ORAL QUESTION (O-1/82/ACP-EEC)

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Procedure of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly

by Mr LEZZI

to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers

Subject: 'Black Migration to South Africa' - a
publication of the International Labour
Organization (Geneva)¹

A recent publication by the ILO proposes a plan aimed at putting an end to the emigration of black workers to South Africa from neighbouring countries and involving the withdrawal of these workers over a period of roughly 15 years coupled with a tax to be paid by South Africa for each worker recruited during the withdrawal period.

This plan also provides for the creation of a United Nations Fund to prepare for the repatriation of the workers and to arrange possible sources of alternative work. This naturally presupposes close cooperation between the countries which provide the labour force and these would form an association (Association of Home Countries of Migrants) with substantial negotiating powers in dealings with South Africa.

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Does the Council think that this withdrawal could constitute a useful weapon in the fight against apartheid and contribute to the economic development of the countries providing the labour force and how does it intend to encourage this withdrawal?

¹ Black Migration to South Africa, ILO, edited by W. R. Böhning