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QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

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1. Question by Mr NIANIAS (H-1167/90)

Subject: Oil prices and a common energy policy

At the last Energy Council meeting, the EC Energy Ministers noted that the increase in the price of oil was due to psychological and speculative reasons. What practical measures does the Council intend to take to clarify this unacceptable situation which is destabilizing the European economy? Does the Council not consider it advisable to adopt an effective common energy policy in the EC without delay?

31.10.1990

EL

2. Question by Mr PIERROS (H-1214/90)

Subject: Formal and coherent Community energy policy

The recent Gulf crisis has demonstrated the need for the Community to draw up a clear Community energy policy based on the principles of a single energy market, security of supply, greater energy efficiency, the development of renewable forms of energy and Community solidarity. Can the Council say what measures it will take in this direction, particularly with the Intergovernmental Conferences in view, and whether there will be amendments in this field to the Treaty of Rome and the ECSC Treaty?

15.11.1990

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3. Question by Mr DE ROSSA (H-1196/90)

Subject: Transport infrastructure action programme

Will the Council detail the present position with regard to the 1990-93 Transport Infrastructure Action Programme, and will they outline what projects are under consideration for funding under the programme, when finalized?

13.11.1990

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4. Question by Mr BANDRES MOLET (H-1197/90)

Subject: Mining in Teruel

Open-cast mining is widespread in Teruel, disrupting local ecosystems, since plans for restoring the landscape are not properly carried out, and the preservation of jobs, since the exploitation of resources is inadequately planned.

At the same time, the energy objectives laid down by the Council, involving an increase in the proportion of solid fuels used for energy production, are at variance with the aim of reducing the greenhouse effect, which is partly caused by burning coal.

Does the Council intend to regulate open-cast mining in the Community?

13.11.1990

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5. Question by Mrs RUIZ-GIMENEZ AGUILAR (H-1242/90)

Subject: EEC participation in President Bush's 'Proposal for the Americas'

The 'Proposal for the Americas' includes provision for a special programme to stimulate investment and for relief of the debt burden of the countries of Latin America.

Has the Council studied President Bush's proposal in which he calls on the Community to contribute to the Investment Fund for the Americas which would be set up under this initiative? Or, alternatively, does the current Presidency of the Council intend to support access for the countries of Latin America to the loans now granted by the European Investment Bank (EIB) to other less developed countries (LDCs)?

21.11.1990

ES

6. Question by Mr DESMOND (H-949/90)

Subject: Third World Development Aid

Does the Council intend to undertake a fundamental review of Community expenditure on development aid for Third World countries during its presidency?

7.9.1990

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7. Question by Mr KILLILEA (H-1212/90)

Subject: Social security of volunteers sent abroad to developing countries by non-governmental organizations

Recognizing the importance of volunteer-sending agencies in the development assistance provided by the EC countries and the importance of free movement of people as part of the campaign for a barrier-free Europe, will the Council of Ministers ask Member State governments to comply with EC Recommendation 85/308<sup>1</sup> by ensuring that their citizens are not discriminated against in their entitlement to social security on return home if they choose to serve overseas through an agency based in another EC country?

15.11.1990

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8. Question by Mr LALOR (H-1222/90)

Subject: Report on EC Recommendation 85/308<sup>2</sup> on the protection of the social security rights of citizens serving abroad as volunteers

Recognizing the importance of agencies sending volunteers as part of the development assistance provided by the EC and the importance of free movement of people as part of the campaign for a frontier-free Europe, will the Council of Ministers require the Commission to produce a report for their next meeting on the implementation of the EC Recommendation 85/308 on the protection of the social security rights of their citizens serving abroad as volunteers?

19.11.1990

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 163, 22.6.1985, p.48

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. L 163, 22.6.1985, p. 48

9. Question by Mr FITZSIMONS (H-1223/90)

Subject: Rights of Spanish, Portuguese and Greek volunteer overseas workers

Recognizing the importance of people in developing countries acquiring the skills to manage their own development and the proven success of Europe's non-governmental volunteer-sending agencies in passing on these skills at local level, will the Council of Ministers ask the Governments of Spain, Portugal and Greece why they are still making it difficult for their citizens to serve overseas as volunteers by not protecting their rights to social benefits on their return, i.e. by failing to comply with EC Recommendation 85/308<sup>1</sup> of 1985 on this subject?

16.11.1990

EN

10. Question by Mr COX (H-1099/90)

Subject: The protection of social security rights of citizens serving overseas as volunteers, in the EC

Given the important role played by Europe's Non-Governmental Volunteer Agencies in promoting skills transfer through volunteer placement in developing countries will the Council of Ministers ensure:

- (a) that the governments of Spain, Portugal and Greece offer full social security protection to their citizens who serve overseas as volunteers in line with EC recommendation 85-308<sup>2</sup>,
- (b) that citizens be entitled to access to the social security system in their home country even where they choose to serve overseas through an NGO in another EEC country, and
- (c) that the Commission as a matter of priority reports on the implementation of the EC recommendation 85-308 on the protection of the social security rights of their citizens serving overseas as volunteers.

17.10.1990

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 163, 22.6.1985, p. 48

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 163 of 22.6.1985, p. 48

11. Question by Mrs MUSCARDINI (H-1218/90)

Subject: Measures against organized crime

Considering the exceptional rise in violent crimes committed by organized criminals with links and support outside their own country, and given the inadequacy of the measures taken to protect citizens, and considering in particular that there are presently in Italy 7 kidnap victims, of whom nothing has been heard, will the Council urge national governments to:

1. bring in army units;
2. strengthen national police forces to combat more effectively the links between organized criminals and their accomplices;
3. in those countries where the rise in crime has been the most violent, introduce special ad hoc legislation and set up forced labour camps for those criminals who are guilty of particularly brutal crimes, such as kidnapping and the abuse and murder of children?

15.11.1990

IT

12. Question by Mr ARBELOA MURU (H-1236/90/rev.)

Subject: Regions' involvement in the EEC

What are the Council's views on the proposal put forward by the Bureau of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) at its meeting in Rome of 8 September 1990 that a specific procedure be set up for its involvement in the decision-making process of the Council of Ministers?

20.11.1990

ES

13. Question by Mr LANDA MENDIBE (H-1247/90)

Subject: The Amnesty International report (EUR 03/01/90/s-Dist SC/CO/GR) with regard to the Spanish state

The latest Amnesty International report, in its section on the Spanish state, states that torture is still being practised on prisoners belonging to 'armed Basque political groups', and provides concrete data on the matter. The report also denounces the recurrent maltreatment of Basque prisoners belonging to the same organizations at the hands of prison staff, citing recent events in the Alcalá-Meco prison near Madrid.

What is the Council's view on these facts set out concerning a Member State in the Amnesty International report? What action could be taken to eradicate these practices running counter to human rights and human dignity?

22.11.1990  
ES

14. Question by Mr BONDE (H-1251/90)

Subject: The right of veto in the Luxembourg compromise

Will the Council of Ministers confirm that the right of veto contained in the Luxembourg compromise still applies?

26.11.1990  
DA

15. Question by Mrs RAWLINGS (H-1253/90)

Subject: European register of missing persons

With the advent of the single market, allowing freedom of movement of persons within Europe, the severe and extensive problem of missing persons, especially children, will be exacerbated with the abolition of border controls. Should not the Council attempt to redress this infringement of the citizen's right 'to life, liberty and security of person' (Declaration of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms) and think in terms of introducing a European register of missing persons, or some such measure which lies within their remit?

26.11.1990  
EN



16. Question by Mr DESSYLAS (H-01260/90)

Subject: Dismissal of the representative of Greek farmers' unions from the Economic and Social Committee (ESC)

The Greek Government, clearly acting on political grounds, has excluded the representative of Greek farmers' unions from the 12-member Greek delegation appointed to the Economic and Social Committee for its new term of office for the period 1990-1994. In practice, this amounts to the dismissal of the representative, notwithstanding the fact that a representative of the General Confederation of Farmers' Unions of Greece (GCFUG) has served on the ESC for the past 10 years (1981-1990).

Does the Council not consider that its approval and endorsement of the manoeuvrings of the Greek Government will lay it open to criticism from Greek farmers? What steps does it intend to take to reinstate immediately the representative of Greek farmers' unions in the ECS?

27.11.1990

EL

17. Question by Mr LATAILLADE (H-1262/90)

Subject: Revenue from the crisis levy in the draft budget for 1991

Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3821/81<sup>1</sup> expires on 30 June 1991. Although no decision has been taken to extend the term of validity of the Regulation, in Article 402, the Council has maintained at second reading of the budget the amount corresponding to the revenue from a 12-month levy for the financial year in question.

In violating the legal basis in this way, has the Council simply got its sums wrong or is it trying to demonstrate its obstinate determination to continue to collect the special temporary levy beyond its term of validity which expires on 30 June 1991?

27.11.1990

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 386, 31.12.1981, p. 1

18. Question by Mr McMAHON (H-1274/90)

Subject: RENEVAL accompanying social measures

Can the Council inform the House when the Social Affairs Council last discussed the RENEVAL social measures, and can it give an assurance that the 7th Directive on Shipbuilding will not be agreed without the accompanying social measures outlined by the Chanterie report adopted by the European Parliament in June 1988?

29.11.1990

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19. Question by Mr ROGALLA (H-954/90)

Subject: Relations with Turkey

What precisely is the Council's basic attitude regarding the further development of economic, financial and social cooperation with the association partner Turkey?

Is Turkey involved in conferences of heads of state and government, and, if so, what is the Council's reaction to this?

11.9.1990

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20. Question by Mrs BANOTTI (H-1055/90)

Subject: Youth Council Meeting

Could the Council indicate the reasons why the first ever Council Meeting of Youth Ministers scheduled for November 22nd has been cancelled and whether this indicates the low priority the Italian Presidency has for Youth Affairs?

1.10.1990

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21. Question by Mr GALLAND (H-1076/90)

Subject: Free movement of persons

In the context of preparations for the single European space, can the Council indicate how Community frontiers will be secured, given that relaxed arrangements operate at certain borders, e.g. between the FRG and Austria, and that Austria is extremely permeable to people crossing from Eastern Europe?

9.10.1990

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22. Question by Mr COONEY (H-1118/90)

Subject: Racism and xenophobia

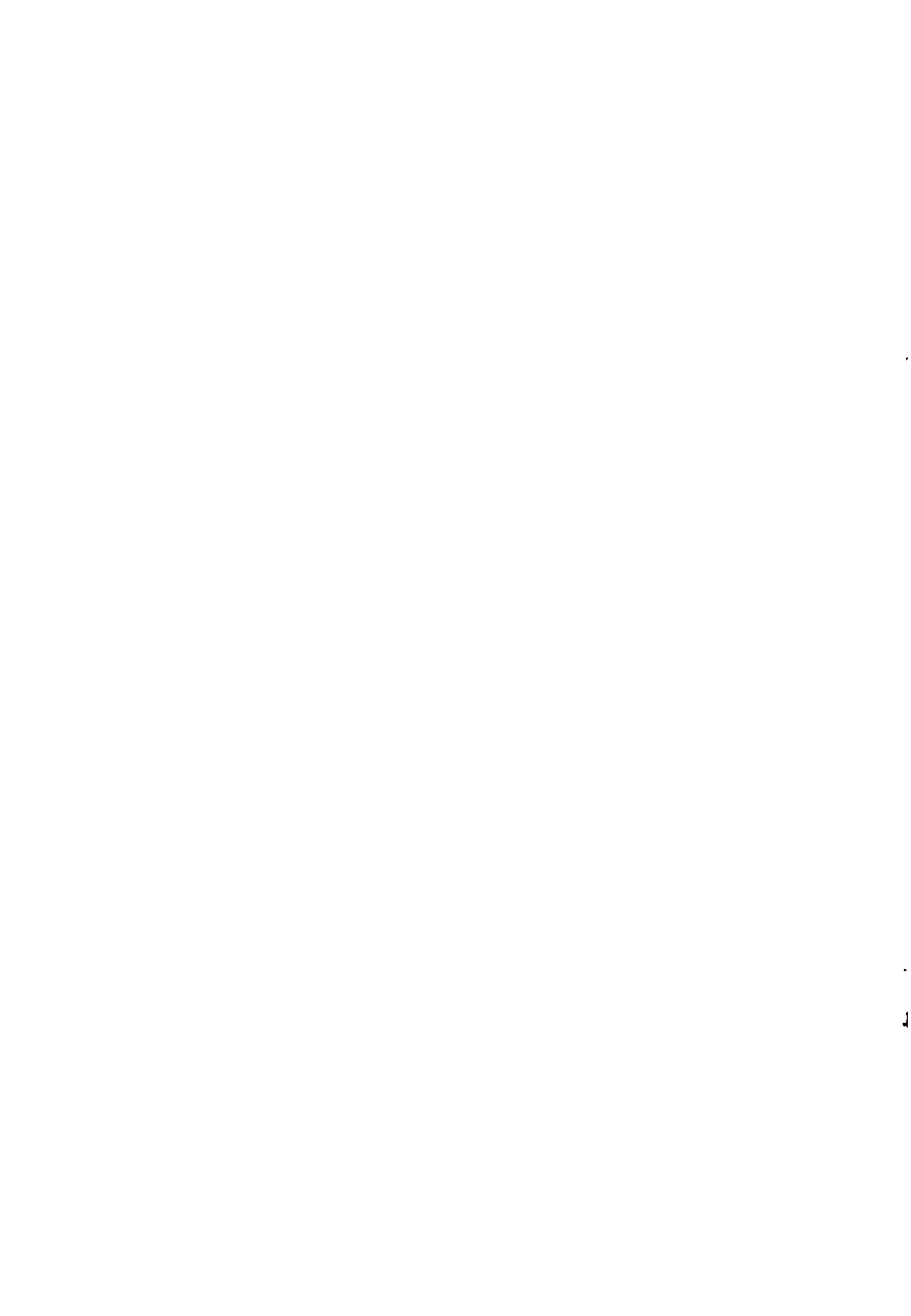
In view of the importance of education and the media in promoting harmony and understanding between communities, what concrete steps are being taken in these areas by the Member States to act on the resolution of the Council and of the governments of the Member States on the fight against racism and xenophobia<sup>1</sup>.

18.10.1990

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 157, 27.6.1990, p. 1



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QUESTIONS TO EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION

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23. Question by Mr ELLES (H-1264/90)

Subject: Immigration from Central and Eastern Europe

Will EPC provide a summary of the discussions of the meeting of 7 December 1990 where the Ministers responsible for immigration discussed the question of immigration from Central and Eastern Europe? Will EPC propose EC action on this subject?

27.11.1990

EN

24. Question by Mr MUSSO (H-1221/90)

Subject: The Gulf crisis

Can EPC confirm that it condemns any attempt by one of its members to negotiate with Iraq and, in particular, that the FRG does not support the approach made by Willy Brandt to Saddam Hussein on 5 and 6 November 1990?

15.11.1990

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25. Question by Mr ARBELOA MURU (H-1235/90)

Subject: Relations with the countries of the Mediterranean

In what specific way do the Twelve intend to support the practical reforms currently being attempted in the countries of the Mediterranean, as stated in the final communiqué of the meeting of 17 September 1990? To what extent will such support be conditional on these countries' compliance with the UN resolutions on the Gulf conflict, given that conditions are not and have not been laid down with respect to the UN and the European Parliament in other cases?

20.11.1990

ES

26. Question by Mr PIERROS (H-1258/90)

Subject: Dissemination of ballistic missiles in the eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East

Can the Foreign Ministers meeting in EPC state their position on the dissemination of ballistic missiles in the eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East and the probable dangers this poses to the southernmost Community Member States?

Can they also state whether they intend to take steps to prevent Community Member States from selling missile technology to countries in the Middle East and the eastern Mediterranean and whether they intend to propose that Community legislation be adopted on this matter or that the Missile Technology Control Regime, to which four Community Member States are party (Germany, the United Kingdom, France and Italy), be extended and consolidated?

27.11.1990

EL

27. Question by Mr ALAVANOS (H-1172/90/rev.)

Subject: Israel's rejection of the Security Council resolution

The Government of Israel has rejected the Security Council resolution, which calls, inter alia, for the setting up of a United Nations delegation to investigate the deaths of 21 Arabs. How have the Foreign Ministers meeting in Political Cooperation reacted to this? Does the lack of substantive, rather than just verbal, reactions against Israel not morally weaken the Community countries' policy against Iraq too, a country which persistently disregards Security Council resolutions entirely?

5.11.1990

EL

28. Question by Mrs JACKSON (H-1194/90)

Subject: Basil Hurani

Will the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation exert pressure on the Syrian authorities to improve their human rights record and could they, in particular, press the case of Basil Hurani, a 33 year old Syrian prisoner, who has been held in prison without trial in Syria since February 1982, apparently for membership of a political group which seeks democratic reforms?

13.11.1990

EN

29. Question by Mrs DURY (H-1195/90)

Subject: Political repression in Zaire

On 4 November 1990 at a Zairan opposition demonstration in Kinshasa a number of arrests were made by the forces of law and order. Do the Ministers consider this compatible with democratization and respect for human rights, as specifically provided for in the Fourth Lomé Convention of which Zaire is a signatory?

13.11.90

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30. Question by Mr NIANIAS (H-1202/90)

Subject: Economic and military aid to Turkey

According to the Turkish President, Mr Özal, when the Gulf crisis ends Turkey will acquire the largest and most modern army in the region: it is poised to receive enormous economic aid from the EC and the international community and military aid from NATO.

What criteria are used to determine the level of economic aid given to Turkey by the European Community? Do the Foreign Ministers meeting in European Political Cooperation not consider that whatever aid is given, it should be reduced by a sum equivalent to the cost of the illegal occupation of Cyprus by Turkish troops? Do they not also consider that present moves to supply excessive quantities of arms to Turkey, a fragile democracy with expansionist tendencies in Cyprus, the Balkans, the Middle East and its north-eastern borders, constitute a serious threat to stability and peace in the region?

13.11.1990

EL

31. Question by Mr ROUMELIOTIS (H-1269/90)

Subject: Turkish violation of human rights of the Greek Orthodox minorities on Imbros and Tenedos

Recent reports in the press concerning various methods used by Turkey to force the Greek Orthodox minorities on the islands of Imbros and Tenedos into emigrating, and the murder by a Muslim youth of the 75 year old Greek Orthodox farmer Zafirios Delikonstantis, reveal that Turkey is violating the international treaty rights of the Greek Orthodox minorities on the self-governing islands mentioned above (Article 14 of the Treaty of Lausanne). The outcome of this grim situation has been that the Greek Orthodox population has fallen from 10,000 to 350 on Imbros and 140 on Tenedos. What action do the Ministers meeting in EPC intend to take to stop this blatant defiance of international law and order by Turkey?

28.11.1990

EL

32. Question by Mr PAGOROPOULOS (H-1270/90)

Subject: Violation of the Treaty of Lausanne by Turkey

The Treaty of Lausanne of 1923 affords the Christian minority of the Aegean islands of Imbros and Tenedos specific rights and privileges that Turkey is obliged to respect.

Both in the past and in recent times the Turkish authorities have used various pretexts and manoeuvres to suppress human rights and freeze the assets of Christians and resorted to violent measures such as the recent murder of a 65 year old Christian.

Can the EPC state what measures it intends to take to ensure that the Turkish authorities respect the Treaty of Lausanne and protect the lives and properties of the Christian minority?

29.11.1990

EL

33. Question by Mr DESSYLAS (H-0922/90)

Subject: Colonization of Famagusta and EEC funding for Turkey

The recent settlement of foreign communities in Famagusta coincides with the 16th anniversary of the Turkish invasion and unlawful occupation of 40% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus. At the same time, on 23 July 190, the Community decided to grant special aid of 6 million ECU to Turkey.

Do the 12 Foreign Ministers meeting in EPC intend to act on the resolutions passed by the UN and the European Parliament on Cyprus and to implement the decision taken at the Dublin Summit stating that the Cyprus problem affected EC-Turkey relations?

31.7.1990

EL



34. Question by Mr KOSTOPOULOS (H-1147/90)

Subject: The brutal violation of human rights in Turkey

The execution and torture of political prisoners are commonplace in Turkey. Prisoners are inhumanly tortured in the jails and their cases against the torturers never reach court. On the pretext of cracking down on violence, a minister in the Turkish government has said that there is likely to be a new round of executions. In the light of this situation and given that Amnesty International estimates that ten people have died as a result of torture in Turkish prisons this year, why does the Community maintain contacts with a country that flagrantly violates human rights and encourage the regime to carry out further and more violent oppression under the skilfully engineered protection of the EEC?

29.10.1990

EL

35. Question by Mr FALCONER (H-1228/90)

Subject: Visit by UN Special Representative to Iran

During October 1990, the UN Special Representative visited Iran to investigate the human rights situation. Have the Foreign Ministers had an opportunity to study the programme of that visit?

19.11.1990

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36. Question by Mr Brian SIMPSON (H-1229/90)

Subject: Human rights abuses in Iran

During the last five weeks, the Iranian Rafsanjani regime has announced 167 executions. Have the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation made any protest to the Iranian regime in this respect?

19.11.1990

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37. Question by Mr NEWENS (H-1240/90)

Subject: International realignment in favour of Iran

It appears that a number of Community Member States have made moves to re-accommodate the Iranian Rafsanjani regime since the beginning of the Gulf crisis. Do the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation intend to ignore continuing large-scale human rights abuses in Iran in the context of this realignment?

21.11.1990

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38. Question by Mrs ODDY (H-1257/90)

Subject: Human rights abuses against women in Iran

During the last two months there have been widespread reports of execution, public stoning to death and severe repressions of women by the Iranian Rafsanjani regime. Have the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation made any protest in relation to these human rights abuses?

27.11.1990

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39. Question by Mr BLANEY (H-1230/90)

Subject: Security

The remit of the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation having been extended to include security issues, do they agree that the state of war in the six northern counties of Ireland is an on-going threat to security, and will they intervene to obtain the withdrawal of the British occupying force?

20.11.1990

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40. Question by Mrs EWING (H-1232/90)

Subject: Indian brutality against the Kashmiri people

Will the Foreign Ministers take immediate action to voice their outrage at the campaign of terror which is being waged against the Kashmiri people by Indian army and paramilitary troops? Will they also call on the Indian Government to put an immediate stop to this brutal suppression of the Kashmir separatist movement?

20.11.1990

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41. Question by Mr BANDRÉS MOLET (H-1241/90)

Subject: Representation by European Political Cooperation to the Salvadorean authorities to throw light on the murder of six Jesuits

On the first anniversary of the murder of the rector of the University of Central America, the Jesuit Ellacuria, and five other Jesuits and lay people working at the university, what representations has EPC made to the Salvadorean authorities to identify the persons who committed these murders?

21.11.1990

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42. Question by Mrs RUIZ-GIMÉNEZ AGUILAR (H-1244/90)

Subject: Support for the Central American Parliament

Do the Ministers meeting in European Political Cooperation intend to support the creation of the Central American Parliament, in spite of the fact that it is to open with the participation of only four, rather than five, Central American countries?

21.11.1990

ES

43. Question by Mr LANDA MENDIBE (H-1248/90)

Subject: Violations of workers' rights in the Dominican Republic

According to various organizations in the Dominican Republic, the Dominican and Haitian Governments are openly violating international agreements and conventions in their treatment of workers employed in the sugar plantations and the free zones. This situation has also been denounced by organizations in the US, Canada and Europe and by the ILO.

Day-labourers and illegal immigrants, many of them stateless, are being subjected to appalling conditions of work, forced labour and the denial of trade union rights, together with other irregularities.

Are the ministers meeting in EPC aware of this situation? What is their view on it, and what measures do they intend to take to ensure that these practices cease?

22.11.1990

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44. Question by Mr MELANDRI (H-1084/90)

Subject: Situation in the Dominican Republic

What is the EPC position in relation to the serious political crisis the Dominican republic is currently undergoing? What representations have been made by EPC to the Government authorities about the situation of inhabitants of Haitian origin in the Dominican Republic? Finally, what is the EPC position with regard to the validity of the most recent presidential elections in Santo Domingo, which brought Balaguer to power?

11.10.1990

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45. Question by Mr CUSHNAHAN (H-1256/90)

Subject: The situation in Ethiopia

Do the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation have any proposals aimed at helping to end the continuing problems caused by civil war in northern Ethiopia which are compounding the problems of the famine-stricken people of Tigre and Eritrea?

27.11.1990

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QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION

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46. Question by Mrs JACKSON (H-1193/90)

Subject: A European Equal Opportunities Commission

What is the Commission's view of the idea that a European Equal Opportunities Commission should be set up to promote gender and race equality of opportunity and equal opportunities for people with disabilities, and would it be prepared to consider setting up such a body within its services?

13.11.1990

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47. Question by Mr LANNOYE (H-1198/90)

Subject: Pollution by dioxanes and furans

Some month ago the Dutch press reported on a case in which milk from farms downwind of waste incinerators had been contaminated by dioxanes and furans. It also pointed out that some milk of Belgian origin had probably been contaminated in the same way. As a result of these reports the Belgian Secretary of State for Public Health ordered the analysis of 24 milk samples, 16 from various dairies and 8 from the farms downwind of the incineration plants.

Was the Commission informed of the results of the analysis?

Have similar cases of contamination in other Member States been brought to the Commission's notice?

13.11.90

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48. Question by Mr KOSTOPOULOS (H-1199/90)

Subject: The work of Mr Du Rochelle to be used as a basis for school textbooks in the Community

Monday, 5 November 1990 saw the official publication in France of Mr Du Rochelle's 'The European History of Europe' with a foreword by three leading European statesmen. Following its refusal to sponsor and fund this work which distorts history will the Commission say how it intends to react to reports that this book by Mr Du Rochelle is to be used as a basis for historical textbooks in the Member States of the Community?

13.11.1990

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49. Question by Mr PAPANAKIS (H-1200/90)

Subject: Problem of refuse disposal in Greece

Refuse disposal is a very serious problem throughout Greece and particularly in villages where the inhabitants usually dump their non-recyclable refuse in nearby ravines or even on beaches, in forests, on roadsides and in rivers. This naturally has serious implications for public health and leads to the smells emitted; the spontaneous combustion of refuse is also a major cause of forest fires. A 1987 report by the Ministry of the Environment, Regional Development and Public Works puts the number of uncontrolled waste tips in Greece at 3 430. In view of this flagrant violation of Directive No. 75/442/EEC<sup>1</sup> on solid waste, and notably Articles 4, 5 and 6 thereof, will the Commission say what measures it intends to take to ensure that Greece too implements this directive? Will it also say whether Greece is drawing up a situation report on the disposal of solid waste every three years and forwarding it to the Commission, in accordance with Article 12 of the above directive?

13.11.1990

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50. Question by Mr NIANIAS (H-1201/90)

Subject: European School of Administrative Studies

At its recent meeting, the Board of Governors of the European University agreed to the proposal by Mr Angelopoulos that a European School of Administrative Studies be set up.

What steps does the Commission intend to take to promote this worthwhile proposal, which aims to provide better training for specialists for senior administrative posts in the European Community institutions?

13.11.1990

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 194, 25.7.1975, p. 39

51. Question by Mrs DALY (H-1203/90)

Subject: Voluntary Service Overseas

Can the Commission confirm whether it has drawn up a report on the implementation, in accordance with paragraph B, of Recommendation 85/308/EEC<sup>1</sup> on social protection for volunteer development workers?

Furthermore, does this Recommendation apply to the Community's newest entrants? If it does apply, is the Commission satisfied that these countries are adhering to the Recommendation?

If the Commission has submitted a report on the implementation of the Recommendation, is it satisfied that all Member States are complying with it?

13.11.1990

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52. Question by Mr PAPOUTSIS (H-1204/90)

Subject: Consolidation of trade union rights for police officers in the European Community

In view of the continuing persecution of police officers in the Greek police force on account of their trade union activities, and the different approach to trade union rights for police officers in the various Member States, does the Commission intend to propose a framework for harmonization to safeguard trade union rights for police officers in the European Community?

14.11.1990

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 163, 22.6.1985, p. 48

53. Question by Mr SIMEONI (H-1210/90)

Subject: Misappropriation by the Guatemalan army of funds provided by the EEC to aid Guatemala's international refugees

Since 1988, the EEC has provided 6.55 m ECU in support of a comprehensive project for the integration of internal refugees from Ixcán-Quiché in Guatemala. It turns out that the project in question is being developed in a military zone, where the traditional way of life has been destroyed by the army and the displaced persons have been robbed of their land, herded into camps, known as 'model villages', and forcibly enrolled in militias, and carry out fatigue duties for the army.

Is the Commission aware of these facts, and what action does it intend to take to ensure that the funds provided by the EEC for the purposes of aiding refugees who are victims of military repression in Guatemala actually reach those for whom they are intended and are not misappropriated by the army? Does it not agree that such aid should only be granted provided that the elected representatives of the refugees participate in the projects, and should be subject to international supervision?

14.11.1990

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54. Question by Mr KILLILEA (H-1211/90)

Subject: Compensation for customs clearance agents on the abolition of border controls in the single market

With the advent of the single market and its various implications, principally, the abolition of internal frontiers and the dismantling of border controls, can the Commission outline what proposals it has formulated for the compensation of Customs Clearance Agents, most notably those of my own country, Ireland, who will in effect be made redundant in January 1993? In making such proposals, has the Commission taken into account that any possibility of diversification into other areas of employment will prove almost impossible, since most Customs Clearance Agents have been self-employed in their professions for twenty to thirty years and have known no other occupation?

15.11.1990

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55. Question by Mr de DONNEA (H-1219/90)

Subject: Itinerant traders

What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure the harmonious integration of itinerant traders into the single market structures?

For example, would it propose the issuing of specific rules, with particular regard to the transit of goods at frontiers, accounting, VAT or access to trade and antique fairs?

15.11.1990

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56. Question by Mr MUSSO (H-1220/90)

Subject: Air and sea links between Corsica and mainland France

Does the Commission take the view that the provisions governing air and sea links between Corsica and mainland France - which states that the Corsican regional authority grants such links to shipping companies whose vessels are registered in France and to airlines duly authorized or approved by the Minister responsible for Transport - are consistent with respect for free enterprise and free competition?

15.11.1990

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57. Question by Mr LALOR (H-1224/90)

Subject: Air fares

Has the Commission had an opportunity to consider the decision of the November International Air Transport Association tariff conference to raise air fares uniformly by between 4 and 8% on all international air routes served by the airlines who are members of IATA?

Is this kind of price fixing by airlines compatible with the European Community's competition policy?

19.11.1990

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58. Question by Mr ROUMELIOTIS (H-1225/90)

Subject: Clause concerning regional protection from unfair trading practices

The advent of the single market will make it considerably more difficult for a Member State to invoke defence mechanisms to protect it from unfair trading practices (for instance, anti-dumping mechanisms). One of the principal reasons is that the method for determining the periphery of the Community used in ascertaining and calculating damage to the Community is based principally on quantitative rather than traditional (geographical) criteria. The use of this method will probably mean that substantial sectors of Community industry, notably in the less prosperous regions of the Community, are excluded from Community aid and protection. Does the Commission intend to take suitable measures to deal with this problem?

19.11.1990

EL

59. Question by Mr BANDRES MOLET (H-1226/90)

Subject: Application of Directive 76/160/EEC<sup>1</sup> concerning the quality of bathing water by the Council of the Valencian Assembly

In the Commission's report on the quality of bathing water in 1988, the section on Valencia (Spain) does not include the results of the physical and chemical parameters as laid down by Directive 76/160/EEC because the Council of the Valencian Assembly, which is responsible in this connection, did not make the necessary measurements. This and other publicized irregularities in the application of Community law led this summer to thousands of bathers being affected by beach pollution as a result of the lack of information.

What action will the Commission take to ensure that the Council of the Valencian Assembly complies with Community law? Will the Commission require the Valencian Council to take samples for the physical and chemical parameters?

19.11.1990

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 31, 5.2.1976, p. 1

60. Question by Mr BLANEY (H-1231/90)

Subject: Agricultural protection

Does the Commission intend to apply the impending out in farm protection uniformly to all farmers, big and small, resulting in further decimation of the small and medium-sized farmers, or does it intend to introduce a differentiated support system which would protect the family farm?

20.11.1990

EN

61. Question by Mr MOORHOUSE (H-1233/90)

Subject: The Community's relations with the Gulf States

Will the Commission report on the progress of negotiations with the Gulf States on a new trade and cooperation agreement between the Community and the Gulf States?

20.11.1990

EN

62. Question by Mr ARBELOA MURU (H-1237/90/rev.)

Subject: Participation of the regions in the EEC

What is the Commission's opinion of the proposal put forward by the Bureau of the Assembly of European Regions (AER) at its meeting in Rome of 6 September 1990, which envisages a specific procedure to include it in the decision-making process within the Council of Ministers?

20.11.1990

ES

63. Question by Mr VANDEMEULEBROUCKE (H-1238/90)

Subject: Subsidies for schemes to reduce the damage caused by the TGV project

It is absolutely clear that the TGV project, as it is to be implemented in Flanders, for example, involves a great many disadvantages, such as its effects on the environment, the breaking up of residential areas and even entire communities, etc.

It seems to me self-evident that we, as the European Community, also have some responsibility here.

Certain installations, such as tunnels, other underground passages, noise barriers, etc., can in many cases make a significant contribution to reducing the damage caused by the laying of the TGV line.

I would therefore like to ask the Commission to what extent the possibility has been investigated of subsidizing extensive projects of this kind, thus providing assistance for the authorities concerned.

It must be taken into account in this connection that, although in many cases whole village communities will be torn apart by the TGV line, their requests to the authorities to keep the village community together by building a tunnel have been ignored.

May I receive a clear and precise answer on this point?

20.11.1990

NL

64. Question by Mr Elio DI RUPO (H-1239/90)

Subject: Fraud in the scheme for tobacco production premiums

The conclusions of the report by Mr Lachaux, the French judge in charge of the case reported in the press as dealing with fraud in the scheme for tobacco production premiums, were submitted almost five months ago.

Would the Commission indicate what the conclusions of the report were and what measures the Commission has taken to remedy the situation?

20.11.1990

FR

65. Question by Mrs BRAUN-MOSER (H-1245/90)

Subject: Distortions of competition caused by French subsidies authorized by the Commission

Massive subsidization (about 62 m DM) by the French Government of the production plant which the American firm Allied Signal plans to establish in Longwy has been authorized despite the Code on Subsidies which has now been in operation for 13 years, although this will lead to further overcapacity in industrial polyester yarns and Europe's existing production capacity is not fully stretched. This new market distortion will lead to an estimated loss of 1000 to 2000 jobs in the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Italy, Austria and Switzerland.

On what grounds did the Commission allow market intervention and distortion of competition by national subsidies in this instance, thus circumventing the existing agreement with the European synthetic fibre company CIRFS?

21.11.1990

DE

66. Question by Mr BRYAN CASSIDY (H-1249/90)

Subject: French VAT levy on the French leg of the international carriage of letters, packages or parcels

Does the Commission agree that the instruction of the French Tax Administration 3 A-3-90, dated 23 January 1990, is an infringement of Article 6(4) of the Sixth VAT Directive and that the above-mentioned instruction frustrates Article 16(a) of Council Directive 90/504/EEC (OJ No. L 281, 12.10.90), that a written entry is unnecessary for imported goods for non-commercial purposes or goods of low value? What is the Commission planning to do about it?

22.11.1990

EN

67. Question by Mr VÁZQUEZ FOUZ (H-1252/90)

Subject: Criteria for access to resources and access to markets

How does the Commission evaluate the results of the principle of access to resources, access to markets in the common fisheries policy, which appears to be the object of widespread institutional and sectoral consensus?

What does the Commission think could be done to make this principle more effective?

26.11.1990

ES

68. Question by Mrs RAWLINGS (H-1254/90)

Subject: European register of missing persons

With the advent of the single market, allowing freedom of movement of persons within Europe, the severe and extensive problem of missing persons, especially children, will be exacerbated with the abolition of border controls. Should not the Commission attempt to redress this infringement of the citizen's right 'to life, liberty and security of person' (Declaration of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms) and think in terms of introducing a European register of missing persons, or some such measure which lies within their remit?

26.11.1990

EN

69. Question by Mr FERNANDEZ-ALBOR (H-1255/90)

Subject: Possible Community standards on employment contracts

The announcement by the Spanish Minister of Labour of his intention to propose to the European Community that its regulations should include an obligation to provide trade unions with model employment contracts has caused considerable surprise to employers in the Member States.

Since the extension of the terms of the Spanish draft law on the matter to Community plans would be a very significant step, it would be appropriate for the Commission to state its position on the Spanish Minister's intentions. Does it consider that such an initiative would be compatible with Community legal provisions in this field?

26.11.1990

ES

70. Question by Mr DESSYLAS (H-1261/90)

Subject: Unacceptable treatment of conscientious objectors by the Greek authorities

The Greek authorities impose severe prison sentences (four years' imprisonment) on conscientious objectors and still refuse to allow them to perform alternative community service or to release them from prison. This is a flagrant breach of Article 9 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ratified by Greece in 1974), which states that 'Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion'.

The Greek authorities are subjecting the 268 conscientious objectors held in the Aviona Military Prisons to inhuman treatment (they are denied visiting rights and locked in their cells, there are 16 prisoners to a cell designed for 6 men, the transfer of these prisoners to the Kassandra Rural Prisons has been held up, they have been punished on account of reports about them in the press, etc.). In view of the above facts, what immediate steps does the Commission intend to take and what representations does it intend to make to the Greek authorities concerning these extremely serious human rights violations in Greece?

27.11.1990

EL

71. Question by Sir Jack STEWART-CLARK (H-1263/90)

Subject: European technology for high definition TV

Would the Commission agree that the choice of Astra/Pal for the new BSB/SKY Consortium in preference to D2-Mac puts at risk the introduction of High Definition television using European technology and, in handing over the initiative to the Japanese, will have dealt a major blow to European electronic firms and to consumers alike?

To redress the situation, will the Commission agree to introduce a European directive to cover all direct-to-home TV satellites and set a date by which H.D.TV must be introduced on the European market?

27.11.1990

EN

72. Question by Mr CUSHNAHAN (H-1265/90)

Subject: Fisheries

Would the Commission agree that an annual report on the activities and findings of the EC Fisheries Inspectorate should be published during the annual negotiations for TACs and quotas?

28.11.1990

EN

73. Question by Mr SCHMID (H-1266/90)

Subject: Snuff

Is it true that the Commission is considering imposing a ban on snuff and, if so, when does it plan to do so?

28.11.1990

DE

74. Question by Mr IVERSEN (H-1271/90)

Subject: ESPRIT - repayments

According to confidential sources the Danish firm Computer Resources International A/S, which is taking part in the Community's ESPRIT programme, has been forced to repay a considerable sum after the Commission had carried out an audit of the company's 1987 accounts. Is the Commission able to confirm this fact and can it also explain how many cases of this type have occurred in ESPRIT I and ESPRIT II? Please would the Commission also explain how it carries out the general budgetary control aspects of the ESPRIT programmes - for instance, are there any on-the-spot checks where the research is carried out - and how it sees to it that the EC does not pay more than 50% of the total project expenditure.

29.11.1990

DA

75. Question by Mr PUERTA (H-1272/90)

Subject: ESPRIT III

In a progress report drawn up for Commission DG XIII by Price Waterhouse it is recommended that the Community's research and development priorities should be readjusted in connection with the start of ESPRIT III. The report states that software and service will remain the major battlefield for the European IT industry, and that research in key technologies will be a less important factor in attaining market success in the nineties. This was pointed out by the Director of LOGICA at the recent ESPRIT Conference. What attitude does the Commission think it should adopt with regard to the launching of ESPRIT III?

29.11.1990

ES



76. Question by Mr REGGE (H-1273/90)

Subject: ESPRIT - Community computer industry

Things are going very badly for the major firms in the European computer industry. Only one European company, Siemens, has been successful with the production of microchips. All the others produce either for or in cooperation with American and Japanese computer industries.

Does the Commission think that, six years after the launching of ESPRIT, there is still reason to hope that the European computer industry will manage, with the help of the Community's research funds, to become competitive with the US and Japan? Does the Commission not think that a continuation of ESPRIT as it stands at present will only help to sustain the present domination of Japan and the US vis-à-vis the European computer industry?

29.11.1990

IT

77. Question by Mr McMAHON (H-1275/90)

Subject: Report on implementation of the social charter

Point 29, Title II, of the Commission publication 'The Community Charter of Fundamental Social Rights' states that 'The Commission shall establish each year during the last three months, a Report on the application of the Charter by the Member States and the European Community.'

Can the Commission inform the House when this Report will be published and what will be the contents?

29.11.1990

EN

78. Question by Mr GANGOITI LLAGUNO (H-1276/90)

Subject: MAST pilot programme

In accordance with the guidelines of the third MAST programme adopted by the Council on 8 May 1990, the Commission has submitted a specific programme of technological R. & D. in the field of marine science and technology under the MAST pilot programme.

The Basque Country possesses an Oceanographic Institute, ASTI-SIO, devoted to research in this area. Does the Commission believe that the institute, which is run by the Basque authorities, would be eligible for support from the Community programme in question?

29.11.1990

ES

79. Question by Mr CHRISTIANSEN (H-1277/90)

Subject: Conference of States bordering the Baltic Sea

It is reported that the Commission intends to convene the States bordering the Baltic Sea to a conference before the end of 1991 on the construction of a fixed link over the Fehmarn Belt and the coordination of transport policy decisions such as the development and electrification of railways and the development of new stretches of motorway.

Can the Commission confirm that it is preparing an initiative of this kind?

If the Conference does take place, will the Commission undertake to invite not only the transport ministers but also the environment ministers of the countries concerned?

29.11.1990

DA

80. Question by Mr NEWMAN (H-1278/90)

Subject: European Forum of migrants

What criteria were used to decide which organizations, particularly from the United Kingdom, would be invited to the initial meeting of the European Forum of Migrants?

29.11.1990

EN

81. Question by Mrs JEPSEN (H-1279/90)

Subject: Aid given to eastern European countries by individual Member States and the risk of undermining the common commercial policy

At Question Time in February I asked the Commission how it intended to ensure that the bilateral development programmes and financial support schemes set up by a number of EC countries with a number of central and eastern European countries would not give rise to any form of preferential treatment by the EC countries' national suppliers for these programmes, in conflict with the common competition and commercial policy. On that occasion the Commission promised to report to Parliament on these problems before the end of the year. Will the Commission now keep its promise at the forthcoming December part-session?

29.11.1990

DA

82. Question by Mr CANAVARRO (H-1280/90)

Subject: Construction of the 'Via do Infante' road

In view of the recent public statements of the Portuguese Government on the subject of the construction of the 'Via do Infante' road in the Algarve, which were both conflicting and unexpected, can the Commission explain the current state of affairs concerning this project? Can it also state the outcome of the negotiations with Portugal and the action which it intends to take as a result?

29.11.1990

PT

83. Question by Mrs AINARDI (H-1281/90)

Subject: Foie gras imports from third countries

The recent signing of cooperation agreements with the countries of Central Europe has brought about a very rapid rise in imports of cheap foie gras (up by 60% between 1989 and 1990) with catastrophic consequences for the market, threatening thousands of small family holdings specialising in this product, particularly in southwest France.

Furthermore, the imported products fail to provide the necessary guarantees in terms of quality and health standards.

Is the Commission aware of the seriousness of the position of French foie gras producers, whose sales and incomes have slumped? Is the Commission prepared to apply the safeguard clause to protect Community production, largely in the hands of small and medium-sized holdings, from the effects of these imports?

29.11.1990

FR

84. Question by Mr PIQUET (H-1282/90)

Subject: EEC-USA agreement of 30 January 1987 on maize

On 30 January 1987, the USA and the EEC, in connection with the entry of Spain and Portugal, concluded an agreement under which a share of the Spanish and Portuguese markets was reserved for US exports of maize and sorghum. The agreement expires on 31 December 1990.

During the vote on agricultural prices for the 1990-91 marketing year, Parliament expressed the wish, by a large majority, that the agreement should not be extended. The same request has been repeatedly expressed by both French and European agricultural organizations.

The USA is currently threatening retaliatory measures if the EEC refuses to allow US maize and sorghum exports special access to the Spanish and Portuguese markets after 31 December 1990.

Is the Commission determined to resist US threats and pressure resolutely and to propose that the agreement should not be extended, as requested by Parliament and the agricultural organizations?

19.11.1990

FR

85. Question by Mr MONNIER-BESOMBES (H-1283/90)

Subject: Waste dump for domestic refuse and sewage plant sludge in the Crau region

Every day, against all the regulations, more than 1000 tonnes of domestic refuse, together with the sludge from the sewage plant of Marseilles, are deposited at the Entressen waste dump in the district of St. Martin de Crau (France).

The Commission has made abundantly clear its commitment to the conservation of the Crau. Can it state what agreements are in force between the two local authorities concerned? What is its position regarding this situation? Does it intend to exert any pressure to ensure that the regulations are observed and support any plans to deal with this problem as a whole?

30.11.1990

FR

86. Question by Mrs van PUTTEN (H-1284/90)

Subject: The rebalancing of agricultural policy at the expense of the developing countries

Now that the agriculture ministers have decided to curb imports of cereal substitutes and other components of feedingstuffs, can the Commission state what the implications of this will be for the developing countries, and whether it is fair that the implementation of this decision should render these countries, in particular, liable to the high 12 per cent tariff, owing to the composition of their export packages?

Does this not conflict both with the preferential treatment of developing countries usual in international trading practice and with the Community's own development policy?

30.11.1990

NL

87. Question by Mr DE ROSSA (H-1285/90)

Subject: Funding of European Youth Theatre Encounter

Is the Commission aware that the European Youth Theatre Encounter, scheduled for Dublin in July 1991, has had its application for direct funding rejected by the Cultural Division and that DPOL, which is administering funding of Dublin, European City of Culture 1991, has allocated only IR£ 5000, which is less than 25% of the amount directly allocated to the Encounter event on previous occasions?

Will the Commission agree that this is unjust and unfair and, in view of the importance of this event, which will involve 250 young people from 23 European countries, will it agree to restore funding to a level comparable with that allocated to the event in previous years?

3.12.1990

EN

88. Question by Mr NEWTON DUNN (H-778/90)

Subject: Trade and cooperation agreements with Romania

Following one initialling of a trade and cooperation agreement between the Community and Romania, and given that the Romanian parliamentary election results disclosed 2.5 million votes for the ethnic Hungarian party in Transylvania, will the Commission use the agreement to promote the Romanian-language Babes University and the Hungarian-language Bolyai University as individual centres for learning and technological exchanges with Community centres of learning and research institutes?

14.6.1990

EN

89. Question by Mr STEWART (H-865/90)

Subject: ESF assistance for 16-19 years old jobless in the United Kingdom

Is the Commission aware that in the UK, all young persons leaving full-time compulsory education, and subsequently unable to find work or enter further or higher education, are required by government legislation to take part immediately in youth training for a period of two years and that failure to comply with this legislation means the young person is denied any form of State social security benefit or subsistence payment?

Is the Commission also aware that the UK Government deems all young persons undergoing compulsory youth training as 'not being unemployed' and this classification disqualifies most 16-19 year olds from ESF supported schemes, because of the six-month qualification in ESF criteria?

Commissioner Papandreou has previously stated 'Further it is the Commission's understanding that YTS-type training is not covered under priority 1 of Objective 4' yet is the Commissioner aware, that in the UK, YTS schemes have for years benefited from ESF support, and the British Government has used ESF in this context.

Will the Commissioner investigate the British Government's use of ESF to support current compulsory YTS/YT-type schemes as well as past practice?

10.7.1990

EN

90. Question by Mr BETTINI (H-869/90)

Subject: Use of drift nets

Mr Vizzini, Italian Minister for the Merchant Navy has authorized the use of 'drift nets' in all Italian waters without first examining the ecological soundness of this fishing method which has already been forbidden in a number of other Member States. Fishing by this speculative and indiscriminate method has in fact already considerably reduced stocks of many species of fish still present in the Mediterranean.

What means does the Commission intend to employ as part of the common fisheries policy to protect Mediterranean fish from this method of fishing and thus to ensure that the Berne Convention, of which the European Community is a signatory, is respected?

11.7.1990

IT

91. Question by Mr COONEY (H-0902/90)

Subject: Milk quotas

Given that the ceiling for milk quotas set by the Commission is not likely to be reached and that certain countries are well below their quota, will the Commission consider a transfer of unused amounts of quota between Member States, thus providing additional milk quotas for young farmers?

18.7.1990

EN

92. Question by Mrs Simone MARTIN (H-0912/90)

Subject: Corn gluten feed

Corn gluten feed enters the EEC duty free as a maize product, even though it is heavily subsidized in the United States. In 1989, almost all American production was exported to Europe.

Despite the lack of an opinion by the Commission's Advisory Committee on anti-dumping, does the Commission plan to open an inquiry into these American exports which have risen by 200% in 10 years?

23.7.1990

FR

93. Question by Mr CABEZON ALONSO (H-0916/90)

Subject: Common policy with regard to workers from third countries legally established in the Community

Following the most recent Trevi and Schengen Group agreements, does the Commission not believe that there is an urgent need for a Community policy to further the integration of migrant workers from third countries who are legally established in the Community?

Does the Commission not think that there is a need for a common policy which does not discriminate between the way in which the rights of Community workers and those of workers from third countries who are legally established in the Community are applied?

26.7.1990

ES

94. Question by Mr FITZGERALD (H-0982/90)

Subject: Producers of low added-value products and the single market

Does the Commission share the view that producers of low added-value products which have a high ratio of transport cost to final product price and which do not have any unique qualities when compared with internationally competitive products will be seriously endangered by the completion of the internal market and, if so, how can such producers be assisted by the Community?

12.9.1990

EN

95. Question by Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS (H-1029/90)

Subject: Convention on Extradition

Will the Commission name the two countries which have not signed the Council of Europe's Convention on Extradition of 1957 and its two Protocols of 1975 and 1978; will it also name the three countries which have not signed the Agreement of 1989 to modify the modes of harmonization of requests.

26.9.1990

EN

96. Question by Mr VALVERDE LOPEZ (H-1037/90)

Subject: Spanish Government's failure to comply with the Directive on the transparency of the prices of medicinal products

The Spanish Government approved the system for controlling the prices of medicinal products in Decree 271/1990 of 23 February (Boletín Oficial del Estado No. 2. III). The explanatory statement cites Directive 89/105/EEC<sup>1</sup> as the basis for this measure, although the decree does not lay down a clear method for calculating prices or guarantee objectivity. To date, no system of reimbursement has been set up. What action has the Commission taken to ensure that the Spanish Government complies with Directive 89/105/EEC?

27.9.1990

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 40, 11.2.1989, p. 8



97. Question by Mr TARADASH (H-1067/90)

Subject: AIDS

According to the latest UNICEF report, 10 million children will be infected by the AIDS virus by the year 2000. 700 000 new-born babies are already infected and will die before the age of five.

Given that half these babies were born in sub-Saharan Africa, can the Commission say what steps it intends to take to curb the extent of this disaster?

3.10.1990

IT

98. Question by Mrs DURY (H-1083/90)

Subject: Implications for the Community of the EUCLID programme

On 20 and 21 February 1990 the Defence Ministers of the thirteen member states of the Independent European Programme Group (IEPG) agreed to adopt a military research and technology initiative amounting to 120 million ECU<sup>1</sup>. This initiative was intended to enable industrialists to be closely involved in the formulation of defence projects.

Many Member States of the European Communities are taking part in this initiative.

Has this project been brought to the Commission's attention?

11.10.1990

FR

99. Question by Mrs RUIZ-GIMÉNEZ AGUILAR (H-1089)

Subject: Support for the democratization process in Central America (budget line A-3021)

With regard to budget line A-3021;

What specific programmes are there to support the democratization process in each of the countries of Central America, particularly in view of the forthcoming elections in El Salvador and Guatemala?

15.10.1990

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<sup>1</sup> In the context of EUCLID, European Cooperation for the long term in Defence

100. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-1092/90)

Subject: Worldwide competitive position of the European Community's aeronautical industry

Given the general recognition by governments of the importance of the aeronautical industry, often as national technological champions, does the Commission consider that the extremely modest collaborative R & D programmes contained in BRITE/EURAN and in complementary ESPRIT activities are sufficient to sustain an overall competitive edge over US firms?

15.10.1990

EN

101. Question by Mr CORNELISSEN (H-1105/90)

Subject: Upsurge in frontier blockades

Frontiers are increasingly being blockaded by lorry drivers or customs officials. The blockades are usually the result of dissatisfaction with a shortage of transport licences, or resentment at uncertain job prospects at the internal frontiers after 1992.

Can the Commission, now that 1 January 1993 is fast approaching, indicate what steps it will take to guarantee that frontier crossings can be kept open, what initiatives it has been taking to draw up, in consultation with the national government, a social plan for customs officials at the internal frontiers, and whether it would consider scraping transport licences before 1993, rather than trying to remove bottlenecks from the system?

18.10.1990

NL

102. Question by Mr HOWELL (H-1122/90)

Subject: Romania

The Belgian daily, Le Soir, reported that President Jacques Delors met privately Romanian Prime Minister Petre Roman in Namur on 27 September 1990. Does the Commission intend to conduct the Community's relations privately with unreformed Communists who constitute Romania's National Salvation Front?

19.10.1990

EN

103. Question by Mr COX (H-1123/90)

Subject: Travellers' allowances in the Republic of Ireland

Is the Commission aware that the 48-hour rule on travellers' allowances in the Republic of Ireland is still in place months after it was ruled illegal by the European Court decision of 12 June last?

What steps is the Commission taking to oblige the Irish Government to respect the spirit and the letter of this ruling?

What powers if any does the Commission have to secure the rights of citizens and consumers in line with Court decisions in cases such as this?

Can the Commission assure Irish citizens that the Court ruling will be enforced effectively?

19.10.1990

EN

104. Question by Mr PIERROS (H-1130/90)

Subject: Protection of the Greek mining sector

Greece is one of the major mining countries in the Community and this sector and related activities account for approximately 4% of its gross national revenue. This sector is currently facing very serious trade problems due mainly to GATT and high production costs are plunging many of the major plants into grave financial difficulties. In order to overcome the crisis in this sector, more transparent and stringent anti-dumping procedures must be adopted and Community import duties maintained for alumina aluminium and ferrochrome and introduced in respect of magnesia while Japanese import duties on ferronickel must be abolished. What is the Commission's position on this matter?

23.10.1990

EL

105. Question by Mr CHABERT (H-1140/90)

Subject: Allocation of an excessive sugar quota to the territory of the former GDR and its consequences for European consumers

It is now clear that the sugar quota allocated to the former GDR will be far superior to estimated consumption. If plans to modernize the East German sugar industry are entirely feasible, does the Commission think that this could be done through unfair mechanisms such as the allocation of a quota which is clearly in excess of requirements?

It cannot be denied that the price of sugar will inevitably reflect the increase in the burden of contributions paid by European producers generated by the allocation of such a quota. In view of the fact that sugar is a basic necessity, has the Commission properly assessed the purchase price rises which this will necessarily entail for Community consumers?

25.10.1990

FR

106. Question by Mr McCARTIN (H-1146/90)

Subject: Reg. EEC 1820/80<sup>1</sup>), the 'Western Package' (Revised by Reg. EEC No. 1030/88<sup>2</sup>)

The programme implementing the above regulation was introduced in Ireland in April 1981 and was due to run for 10 years until April 1991. Does the Commission intend to continue the programme after this date?

29.10.1990

EN

107. Question by Mr BONDE (H-1149/90)

Subject: Monitoring of refunds

What information can the Commission supply on the financial consequences of shortcomings affecting the monitoring of exports in connection with the payment by Denmark of export refunds?

30.10.1990

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 180, 14.7.1980, p.1

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. L 102, 21.4.1988, p.1

108. Question by Mr ALAVANOS (H-1154/90)

Subject: National electricity board dam in Mesochora (region of Trikala)

Three years ago, the Greek national electricity board began construction work on a reservoir as part of the programme to build a hydroelectric power station at Glistra and to divert the river Acheloos, which will result in the destruction of the town of Mesochora and an area of outstanding natural beauty, consisting of pastureland and farmland. The Acheloos hydroelectric works are partly financed by the Community under the Regional Development Programme.

Has an environment impact study been submitted for this project?

Have alternative proposals, such as the construction of a low-level dam combined with an underground hydroelectric plant, been examined?

What measures will the Commission take to avoid an ecological disaster?

30.10.1990

EL

109. Question by Mr de los SANTOS LOPEZ (H-1159/90)

Subject: Transitional period for Spanish integration

The common agricultural policy, as applied to the former GDR, requires that the provisions of the Treaty of Accession of Spain to the European Communities be applied to Spanish trade in agricultural products with that territory. Under these new conditions the Spanish fruit and vegetables which traditionally had a market in the GDR, will be subject to levies because of the transitional period laid down in the Treaty of Accession of Spain (customs duties, compensatory amounts, regular amounts, compensation, etc.) This shows how contradictory it is for the transitional period to continue. Does the Commission not consider that the transitional period for Spanish integration should end on 31 December 1992?

31.10.1990

ES

110. Question by Mrs MUSCARDINI (H-1162/90)

Subject: Mass deaths of dolphins caused by chemical pollution

The Commission is undoubtedly aware of the mass deaths of dolphins off the coasts of Liguria and France - following the deaths of some 300 dolphins along the coast off Barcelona and the Balearic Islands. Since the principal cause of these deaths may be traced to chemical pollution, does not the Commission intend to call on the competent authorities to carry out rigorous monitoring operations along the Mediterranean coasts concerned, to ascertain the level of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the water?

31.10.1990

IT

111. Question by Mrs EWING (H-1170/90)

Subject: Recognition of social workers' qualifications

What is the Commission's assessment of likely acceptance of UK qualifications by all levels of professions and occupations involved in social work in the Member States?

5.11.1990

EN

112. Question by Mr VERHAGEN (H-1176/90)

Subject: Supplies of relief provisions to Liberia

What steps will the Commission be taking to ensure that relief provisions supplied to Liberia do not fall into the hands of soldiers from the former Liberian Government forces of Samuel Doe, given that these soldiers are plundering relief provisions destined for Monrovia, and are using violence to steal civilians' food supplies?

5.11.1990

NL

113. Question by Mr ELLES (H-1191/90)

Subject: Yugoslavia

The European Council, meeting in Rome on 27-28 October 1990, expressed its hopes that the economic reforms and democratic developments in Yugoslavia would meet with success. Does the Commission believe that this will happen by itself, or should the European Community now send signals to the Yugoslav Government that economic aid could be withheld if certain sectors of the Yugoslav population try to resolve constitutional questions by force rather than through the ballot box?

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