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ORAL QUESTION (0-94/76)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI, Mr VERONESI, Mr MASCAGNI, Mr MASULLO  
and Mr PISTILLO

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Deferral of the directive on the discharge of  
titanium dioxide at sea

The adoption of the directive on the discharge of titanium dioxide at sea has once more been deferred by the Council, which has drawn up a working document for further discussion.

1. Does not the Council feel that all delays in the adoption of this directive seriously endanger the marine environment?
2. Does not the Council feel that giving the Member States power to authorize the discharge of titanium dioxide waste at sea may further aggravate the imbalance in production costs between firms which have installed or are preparing to install costly purification plant and those which are exempted from this requirement by the authorization of their governments?