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ORAL QUESTION (0-94/78)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Community action to control the safety and hygiene of medical apparatus and equipment for the protection of patients and medical staff

1. Is the Commission aware that the health of both patients and staff in the Community's hospitals and medical practices is not adequately safeguarded in respect of the satisfactory operation of medical apparatus ?
2. Does it not agree that Community action is essential, particularly from the social and economic point of view, to prevent general, technical and hygienic risks, which in many cases lead to fatal results ?
3. Could technical control of medical apparatus and equipment, standardized at the highest level, be contained in a first specifically medical action programme ?