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ORAL QUESTION (O-115/78)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mr BROSANAN, Mr BRUGHA, Mr HERBERT, Mr NOLAN, Mr POWER and  
Mr YEATS

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Bantry Bay Disaster

Following the explosions and fire on the oil tanker "BETELGEUSE" at the Bantry Bay oil terminal, 50 persons lost their lives, the terminal jetty was wrecked and there is a serious threat of pollution to a high amenity area.

1. What facilities, financial and otherwise, has the European Community at its disposition to assist this disaster area ?
2. What efforts have been made at a Community level to prevent disasters like this taking place ?
3. In the light of other recent major disasters involving oil tankers, what progress has the Commion made in proposing strict regulations at a Community and international level governing shipping and, in particular, oil tankers ?