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ORAL QUESTION (0-1/76)

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

by Mr GIBBONS on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject : Commission Communication on the Law of the Sea Conference

Having regard to the reconvening of the Law of the Sea Conference on March 15th in New York and the recent Commission Communication on a Community approach to the Conference, which did not allow the European Parliament sufficient time to give its Opinion before the Conference began, will the Council state :

1. if agreement has been reached between the Member States on a common approach to the Conference on the Law of the Sea;
2. whether it considers that the 12 miles limit should be rigidly applied in all Member States or whether it would favour greater limits having regard to regional and social aspects of the disadvantaged coastal regional in the Community;

3. on what criteria fishing quotas within the 200 miles economic zone will be allocated ;
4. if it is in favour of immediately negotiating the withdrawal of third countries fishing fleets from the Community's 200 miles economic zone;
5. if it is in favour of comprehensive measures on a Community fishing research programme in the immediate future ?