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ORAL QUESTION (0-79/75)

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 Commission 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 15 in New York and the recent Commission Communication on a Community approach to the Conference, which will not allow the European Parliament sufficient time to give its Opinion before the Conference begins, will the Commission 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 proposes the 12 miles limit to be rigidly applied in all Member States or whether it will allow greater limits having regard to regional and social aspects of the disadvantaged coastal regions in the Community;

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