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

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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Relations between the EEC and the Soviet Union

In view of recent developments in international policy, can the Commission state :

1. In what way the Soviet Union influences international economic and monetary conditions and world markets, as a grain buyer and a raw material producer of for example oil, steel, coal, uranium and gold ?
2. What has been the role of the Soviet Union in international efforts to achieve a more equitable balance and stability in the world economy and in particular which commitments has she entered into in connection with these negotiations ?

3. What is the potential for the Community to increase its trade with the Soviet Union, in particular in the context of the newly adopted five year plans of the Soviet Union and COMECON ?
4. To what extent it is possible to ensure fair competition for EEC-industries with regard to trade with the Soviet Union ?
5. Whether the credits granted to the Soviet Union at low rates through the Euro-dollar market and through the specific export credits of EEC-countries are in proportion to the role and prosperity of EEC-trade with the Soviet Union, compared to (for Example) credits granted to developing countries or to the United States ?
6. Whether the danger exists that the large-scale delivery of industrial equipment and technology to the Soviet Union will have an adverse effect on the long term development of EEC-trade with the USSR, through the development of the Soviet Union's own export potential ?
7. Whether it is correct that negotiations between the EEC and COMECON have made no progress over the last year ?
8. Whether it believes that a continuing refusal of the Soviet Union to recognise the EEC is in accordance with the spirit of the Helsinki agreement; and what steps have been taken by the Soviet Union to fulfil its obligations under this agreement ?
9. What are the principal perspectives of the Community's future policy towards the Soviet Union ?