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ORAL QUESTION (0-70/83)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr JOHNSON,

on behalf of the European Democratic Group

to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Environmental protection and economic development

Does the Council agree (and if so will it act accordingly) that environment protection and economic development are complementary not contradictory and that the former can :

- (a) yield cost savings (health, social welfare) of benefit to industry;
- (b) protect natural resources (forests, water, crops, biosystems) needed by industry;
- (c) provide outlets for industrial products;
- (d) promote the use of modern technologies, including low waste and favourable input/output ratios;
- (e) create jobs in environmental protection industries;
- (f) enrich leisure opportunities.