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ORAL QUESTION (0-80/76)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Crisis and pre-crisis policy in the steel sector

Is it true that the Commission intends, in the event of a crisis, or the threat of a crisis, to depart from the procedure laid down by the ECSC Treaty, and to propose the introduction of quotas and, possibly, reference prices in the steel industry, and that it is prepared to ensure compliance with such prices?

Does the Commission feel that such action is compatible with the ECSC Treaty?

If such measures are indeed contemplated, has the Commission discussed them with the steel industry and the appropriate trade unions?

Does the Commission not feel that, in view of the current trend as regards competition in the steel sector, appropriate Community intervention is urgently required?

Does the Commission not consider it essential for its views on the policy to be pursued before and during a crisis in the steel industry to be explained to the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, before it adopts a final position and before the Council takes any decisions?