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ORAL QUESTION (0-21/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure by Sir Henry PLUMB, and Mr PATTERSON on behalf of the European Democratic Group, Mr ALBER and Mr BROK of the Christian Democratic Group (EPP), Mr BANGEMANN and Mrs NIELSEN of the Liberal Group, and Miss DE VALERA of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Progress on the "Vredeling" Directive

Speaking to the US Bar Association on 14th February, Commissioner Richard referred to consultations with both sides of industry continuing until the end of February, after which the Commission would move to a final decision on the directive.

Can the Commission now tell Parliament :

1. What has been the scope of the consultations, and what conclusions have been drawn from them?
2. When it expects to send Parliament its final version of the draft directive?
3. Whether the Commission is willing to hold further discussions with Parliament on the changes it intends to make to the original draft, in particular on those points on which, according to Commissioner Richard, it does not intend to follow Parliament's amendments?