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ORAL QUESTION (0-9/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mrs CLWYD, Mr BROK, Mr BEAZLEY, Mr GABERT and
Mr PAPAEFSTRATIOU
to the COUNCIL of the European Communities

Subject : Enlargement of the Community

In its resolution on the enlargement of the Community to include Spain and Portugal adopted by a large majority on 17 November 1962 the European Parliament reaffirmed "the political will, which it has expressed on many occasions, that Spain and Portugal should join the Community by 1 January 1984 at the latest",

It further urged the Commission and the Council "to use every possible means to ensure that the negotiations for its accession are completed by 30 March 1983 so that the ratification procedures can be completed in 1983."

Can the Council inform the Parliament as to the state of progress of the negotiations with the two applicant countries, notably in the light of the recent European Council meeting in Brussels? Can the Council also indicate what problems are holding up the speedy conclusion of negotiations and can it indicate at what date accession could take place?