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ORAL QUESTION (O-57/83)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mr FRISCHMANN and Mr CERAVOLO  
on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group  
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Procedures for informing and consulting  
employees of undertakings

The revised proposal for a directive on procedures for informing and consulting employees contains numerous provisions which represent a clear retreat from the position adopted in the original proposal, which was itself limited in scope. For instance, the elimination of the 'by-pass' procedure, the application of the proposed directive to undertakings with more than 1,000 employees and the close on the non-divulgence of secrets give rise to the gravest doubts with regard to the effectiveness of the new proposal.

- (a) With regard in particular to the provisions on the secrets of undertakings does the Commission agree that all important information may in future be described as 'secret' by the management so as to prevent its disclosure to employees?

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(b) Can the Commission state how many undertakings would be affected by the new proposal, given that it would now apply only to undertakings with at least 1,000 employees (instead of 100, as provided for in the original proposal)?