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with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI, Mr BONACCINI, Mr CERAVOLO, Mrs CINCIARI RODANO, Mr PAPAPIETRO and Mr VERONESI to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Industrial accidents and occupational diseases

There has been no decrease in the number of industrial accidents and occupational diseases in some countries of the European Community despite the constant increase in unemployment and the reduction of working hours.

Because of the economic crisis, many workers prefer not to report minor accidents that occur while they are moonlighting or doing a second job. In many cases, moreover, they prefer to settle the matter privately with their employers.

In view of this, will the Commission state:

1. What is the general trend of industrial accidents and occupational diseases, broken down by sector and size of undertaking?

2. What is their relationship with the present level of unemployment in the countries of the European Community?
3. What results have been achieved by the action programme on health and safety at work<sup>1</sup>?
4. When does the Commission plan to report to Parliament on this programme as specifically requested in Parliament's resolution<sup>2</sup>?
5. How widespread are pathological conditions caused by job insecurity and unemployment, including insomnia, anxiety, digestive problems, ulcers, congestion, diarrhoea and nausea and cardiovascular problems that can affect the unemployed person's family, including his children, and that may even lead to suicide?

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 9, 11.1.1978, p.2

<sup>2</sup>Res. 97/78, 13.6.1978, OJ No. C 163, 10.7.1978