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ORAL QUESTION (0-49/82)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure by Mrs CARETONI ROMAGNOLI, Mr GREMETZ, Mr FERRERO, Mr DENIS, Mr VITALE and Mr VERGES on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: EEC action with regard to North South relations and the fight against hunger in the world

- whereas the developing countries have been particularly severely hit by the economic crisis, their food situation has worsened and the problem of hunger is growing more acute,
- having regard to the breakdown or very inadequate results of international negotiations (global negotiations, product agreements) aimed at establishing more equitable relations between North and South,
- having regard to the EEC's commitments towards the developing countries and its substantial resources,
- whereas the EEC's approach has so far failed to measure up in practice to its declared intentions or its commitments towards the developing countries,

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- whereas a conciliatory attitude is being maintained towards the parties which are blocking the negotiations, and an attitude of confrontation vis-à-vis the commodity-exporting countries,

Does the Commission not consider that the EEC should, without any further delay, take action to:

- open global negotiations;
- ensure that fair agreements are negotiated for commodities, and that the Common Fund is implemented;
- arrange immediate aid utilizing the available resources to meet the needs of the people, to relieve the plight and save the lives of those who are suffering ?