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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr BAAS on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Trade relations between the EEC and Japan

During the negotiations with a Japanese trade delegation which ended on 2 December 1977, did the Commission stress - as requested by the European Parliament in its resolution contained in the report by Mr BAAS on economic and trade relations between the European Community and Japan¹ - 'the need for the Japanese Government to make substantial concessions giving the industries of the European Community access to the Japanese domestic market comparable to that enjoyed by Japan to the Community market, and to ensure that the Japanese authorities put an end to the non-tariff barriers to imports from the Community'?

¹ OJ No C 83 of 4.4.1977, p.24

Did the Commission make it clear to the Japanese delegation that 'in certain sectors, voluntary limitation of Japanese exports to the Community is temporarily required'?

Is the Commission now in a position, as requested in paragraph 3 of the resolution, 'to report to Parliament on the methods whereby the Japanese exporters and financial houses penetrate various markets in the Community with a view to domination of those markets, thereby infringing the rules of fair competition'?

What did the negotiations actually achieve?