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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the  
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by Mr SCHYNS, Mr VANDEWIELE, Mr CARO,  
Mr van der GUN, Mr PISONI, Mr WAWRZIK  
and Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Social security systems in the  
Community countries

Having regard to the current disparity between  
the social security systems of the various  
Member States,

Having regard to the motion for a resolution  
tabled by Sir Brandon RHYS WILLIAMS in May 1976  
on a Community social security system, and to  
the relevant report by Mr GLINNE,

Whereas the growing number of unemployed in the  
various Community countries involves social  
security schemes in a considerable loss of  
revenue, while the number of those receiving  
social security benefit is increasing,

Whereas the progressive harmonization of the different Member States' social security systems is highly desirable, even if an overall solution can only be expected in the long term:

1. Can the Commission inform Parliament of the progress
  - which has been achieved so far, and
  - which is currently being made,towards attaining harmonization of this kind?
  
2. Can the Commission confirm its resolve, on the eve of direct elections, to do its utmost to ensure that, after attainment of the Economic Community, it will take the necessary steps to establish a more human and socially oriented Community, through a Community social security system that meets the needs of citizens of the Member States?

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