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ORAL QUESTION (0-56/78)

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

Subject : Community action on education

While maintaining its support for the pluralism of national cultures and for the diversity of educational systems in Europe, the Liberal and Democratic Group is convinced that the economic and social objectives laid down in the Treaties can only be achieved if economic and social policies are supported by appropriate measures in education.

The extent of youth unemployment and the prospects of direct elections to the European Parliament heighten considerably the significance of a plan for Community action on education.

What progress has been made by the Commission on these problems, particularly as regards :

- the definition of the role of education systems in the area of employment policy,
- the mutual recognition of diplomas,

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- the creation of a 'University Europe' by encouraging the free movement of students and teaching staff, and through inter-university cooperation,
- the introduction of European study programmes in school curricula and the teaching of foreign languages.