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ORAL QUESTION (0-82/83)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Mr COUSTE, Mr DELEAU and Mr NYBORG on behalf of the  
Group of European Progressive Democrats  
to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Organization of a conference of EEC Member States  
on Community industrial policy

In view of the economic situation within the EEC and the prospects of a recovery linked with the third industrial revolution, which the Community must seize upon, and given the need to formulate an industrial policy based on the free interplay of the forces of production, is the Council prepared to organize a conference of EEC Member States in the near future to consider present national policies on industrial development and the conditions for a Community policy, and to submit proposals for the Athens Summit Conference in December?

Is the Council prepared to lay down a clear definition of the role of public authorities at national and European level, limiting all forms of interventionism, and to implement a genuine European industrial policy based on:

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- harmonization of the rules governing industrial operations, in particular the legal, administrative and fiscal measures needed to create a genuine internal market within the Community, and
- promotion of growth industries which can cope with international competition and whose activities are directed by technical guidelines and financial incentives,