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with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM
on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Consumer protection policy in the Community

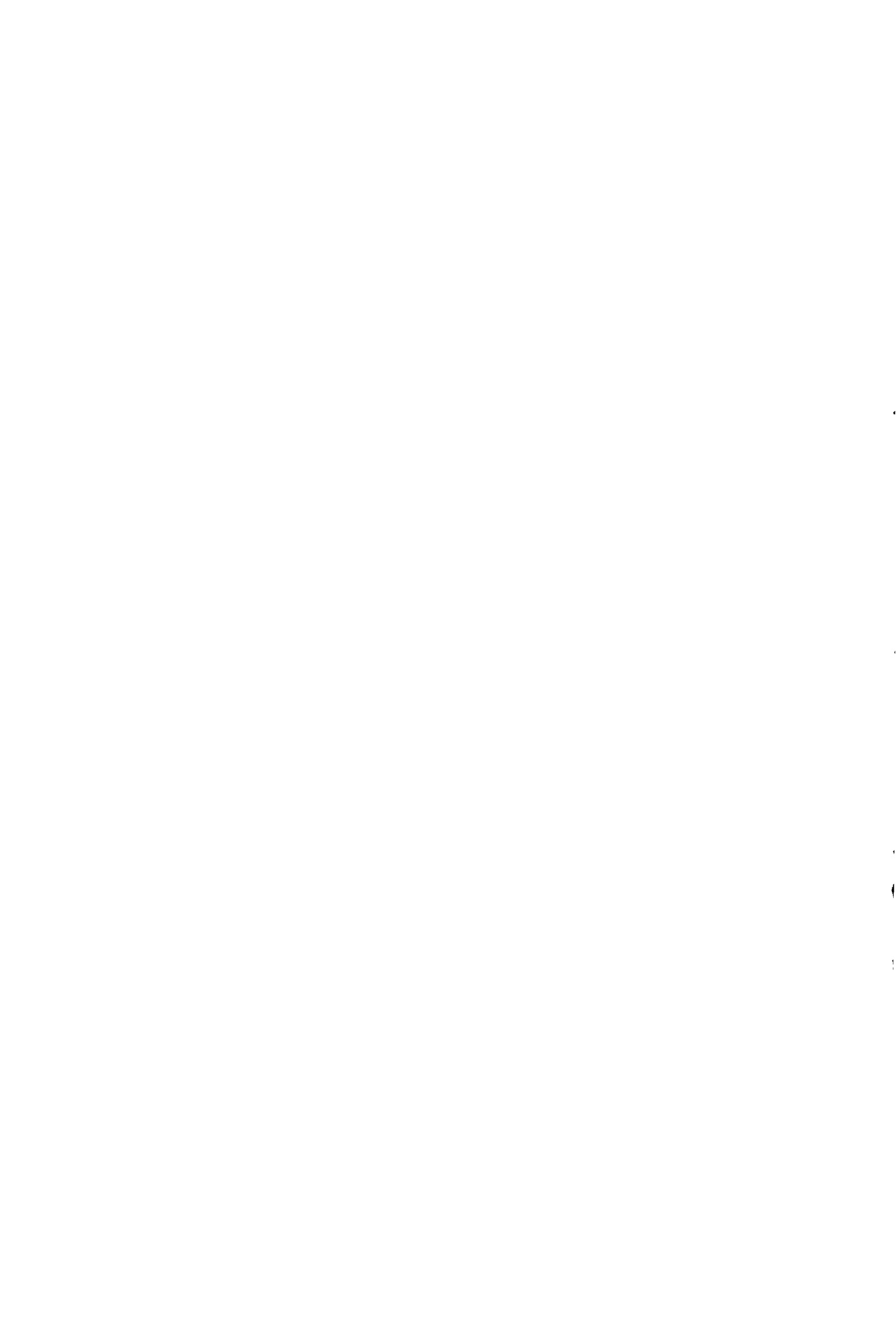
1. A number of proposals for directives forwarded by the Commission to the Council as part of the first action programme are still pending before the Council. These include the following proposals in particular:

(a) Approximation of laws concerning liability for defective products (Doc. COM(76) 372 final - ESC 834/78) EP 246/78

(b) Protection of the consumer in respect of contracts negotiated away from business premises (door-to-door sales) (Doc. COM(76) 544 final - ESC 657/77) EP 227/77

(c) Approximation of laws concerning misleading and unfair advertising (Doc. COM(77) 724 final - ESC 900/78) EP 36/79

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(d) Rapid exchange of information on dangers arising from the use of consumer products

(Doc. COM(79) 725 final - ESC 121/80) EP 207/82

(e) Control of the possession, distribution and administration to domestic animals of substances with a hormonal action

(Doc. COM(80) 614 final - ESC 238/81) EP 840/80

(f) Materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

(Doc. COM(81) 5 final - ESC 766/81) EP 110/82

2. With regard to the directives on consumer protection adopted by the Council under the action programmes on behalf of consumers, would the Commission inform the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee

(i) of the extent to which these directives have been incorporated into national law in the Member States and of the extent to which they are applied in practice;

(ii) of any cases of which it has been notified by the governments of the Member States or any other interested parties where these directives have not been incorporated into national law or have not been applied, and of any legal action brought before national courts or the European Court of Justice.

3. Would the Commission

(i) inform Parliament to what extent it took account of the opinion of the Consumers' Consultative Committee in drawing up the action programmes on behalf of consumers and what proposals it submitted to the Council on this subject;

(ii) submit to Parliament a written report indicating the extent to which account was taken of the European Parliament's opinion in the preparation of each of these proposals;

(iii) submit a similar written report to the Economic and Social Committee indicating the extent to which account was taken of its opinion?

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4. Would the Commission inform Parliament

(i) what areas are covered by the proposals which it is currently drawing up for submission to the Council as part of the second action programme on consumer protection, and what questions are being studied by the Commission's departments with a view to submission to the Council in due course;

(ii) whether it has established an order of priority for these questions, and which are of high priority and which less important ?

5. Since it is currently considering the question of foodstuffs in the context of various Community policies and in relation to various legal provisions of the Treaty of Rome, would the Commission submit a memorandum proposing a draft uniform policy on foodstuffs, designed to protect the interests of the consumer, on which the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee could deliver opinions and begin discussions with the Commission ?