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ORAL QUESTION (0-63/80)

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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Position of women in the nine countries of the Community

In the light of such provisions and directives on equality as:

- Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome,
- the Council Directive of 10 February 1975,
- the Council Directive of 9 February 1976,
- the Council Directive of 19 December 1978,
- the judgment of the Court of Justice of the Communities of 8 April 1976:

Twenty-two years after the founding of the Common Market, what is the effective position of women as regards employment, earnings, vocational training and family, social and health policy in each of the nine countries of the Community?

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Does the Commission think that there is a direct link between the inequalities and discrimination which women continue to encounter and the Community directives on austerity, restructuring and European integration inasmuch as they affect sectors employing women?

Lastly, is it not to be expected that the coordination of these austerity policies in connection with the second enlargement of the EEC will result in a levelling-down of these social rights and advantages which women have had to struggle so hard to obtain?