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Oral Question (0-60/74)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr Seefeld

on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport  
to the Council of the European Communities

Subject: Code of conduct for maritime transport conferences

1. Can the Council confirm that on 15 July 1974 the Commission of the European Communities submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council decision on a common approach by the Member States to the United Nations agreement on the introduction of a code of conduct for maritime transport conferences?

If so, will the Council consult the European Parliament on this important question as soon as possible in view of the short time available?

2. Does the Council agree that the question as to whether or not the Member States participate in this agreement is of great importance for maritime transport and the whole external economic policy of the Member States and the Community?

3. Does the Council agree that - since it is a most unfavourable reflection on the Community that in the vote on the text of the agreement in Geneva, three Member States voted in favour and two against, while two countries abstained - in order to avoid a situation of this kind in the future, the Commission should be authorized, in partial application of Article 84(2) and without prejudice to other measures which are already possible under Article 116 or other general provisions of the EEC Treaty to draw up proposals for the introduction of a common maritime transport policy and to ensure that Member States adopt a common position at international conferences of this nature?
4. Does the Council consider that parts of the Agreement conflict with the Treaty of Rome?
5. Does the Council agree that on the basis of the EEC Treaty, particularly Article 113, the Agreement should have been negotiated by the Commission and not by the Member States?