The debate was interrupted at that point for the Commission communication. It would resume at 21.00 (Item 28).

25. Official welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed members of a delegation from the Parliament of Taiwan, led by the Speaker, Mr Wang, who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

26. Corporate social responsibility (Commission communication)

Mrs Diamantopoulou, Member of the Commission, made a communication on corporate social responsibility.

The following put questions which Mr Liikanen and Mrs Diamantopoulou, Members of the Commission, answered in turn: Bushill-Matthews, Howitt, Jensen, Rübig, Purvis, Bushill-Matthews and Rübig.

The President closed the item.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr PUERTA

Vice-President

27. Question Time (questions to the Commission)

Parliament considered a number of questions to the Commission (B5-0253/2002).

First part

Question 54 by Mrs Hedkvist Petersen: Measures to ensure legal certainty

Mr Vitorino, Member of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Hedkvist Petersen.

Question 55 by Mrs Paulsen: Concentrations in the foodstuffs sector

Mr Bolkestein, Member of the Commission, answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Olle Schmidt, deputising for the author, and Mr Rübig.

Question 56 by Mr Crowley: The euro and bank charges

Mr Bolkestein answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Crowley and Mrs Korhola.

Question 57 by Mr Posselt: Agreement concluded with the Czech Republic concerning traditional recipes

Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Posselt.

Second part

Question 58 by Mr Sacrédeus: Steel tariffs and jobs in Europe

Mr Lamy, Member of the Commission, answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Sacrédeus, Mr Rübig and Mr Purvis.

Question 59 by Mr Van den Berg: The TRIPS Agreement and access to medicines

Mr Lamy answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Van den Berg.

Question 60 by Mr Papayannakis: Visit of delegation from Commission environment directorate to Greece

Mrs Wallström, Member of the Commission, answered the question and a supplementary by Mr Papayannakis.

Question 61 by Mrs Ahern: Tritium measured off the Welsh coast

Mrs Wallström answered the question and a supplementary by Mrs Ahern.

Question 62 by Mr Bautista Ojeda: 'Pescaíto Frito'

Mr Fischler answered the question and supplementaries by Mr Bautista Ojeda and Mr Marinos.