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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO WHICH NO ANSWER HAS BEEN GIVEN (*)

(92/C 111/01)

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Subject: Surveillance of Romanian steps towards pluralism

WRITTEN QUESTION No 3137/91 by Mr Edward McMillan-Scott (ED) to European Political Cooperation (24. 1. 1992)

Subject: Surveillance of Romanian steps towards pluralism

WRITTEN QUESTION No 3185/91 by Mr Edward Newman (S) to European Political Cooperation (24. 1. 1992) Subject: Walvis Bay, Namibia, occupied by South Africa

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Subject: Surveillance of Romanian steps towards pluralism

WRITTEN QUESTION No 253/92 by Mr Felice Contu (PPE) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Dumping of coal

WRITTEN QUESTION No 256/92 by Mrs Christine Crawley (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992) Subject: Catalytic convertors

WRITTEN QUESTION No 257/92
by Mr Georgios Romeos (S)
to the Commission
(20. 2. 1992)
Subject: Protection of the environment in the industrial area of Piraeus

WRITTEN QUESTION No 258/92

by Mr Vassilis Ephremidis (CG) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Urgent action to bring the use of the island Makronisos into line with its designation as an historic site

(*) The answers will be published as soon as they are received from the institution concerned. The full text of these questions appeared in the Bulletin of the European Parliament Nos 02/C-91 to 06/C-92.

WRITTEN QUESTION No 259/92 by Mr Mihail Papayannakis (GUE) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: European School in Berlin

WRITTEN QUESTION No 260/92 by Mr Mihail Papayannakis (GUE) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Uncontrolled cattle-rearing

WRITTEN QUESTION No 261/92 by Mr Mihail Papayannakis (GUE) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Construction of a road on Mount Taigetos

WRITTEN QUESTION No 262/92 by Mr Mihail Papayannakis (GUE) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Diversion of the river Evinos

WRITTEN QUESTION No 263/92 by Mr Mihail Papayannakis (GUE) to the Commission

(20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Council Directive concerning the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to protection of employees in the event of the insolvency of their employer

WRITTEN QUESTION No 268/92 by Mr Freddy Blak (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Criminalization of conscientious objectors in Greece

WRITTEN QUESTION No 270/92 by Mr Freddy Blak (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Health risks at work in the public sector

WRITTEN QUESTION No 273/92 by Mr Alexander Langer (V) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Anti-semitic remarks by President Tudjman of Croatia

WRITTEN QUESTION No 275/92 by Mr Diego de los Santos López (ARC) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Illegal quarries in Málaga

WRITTEN QUESTION No 276/92 by Mr Diego de los Santos López (ARC) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

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WRITTEN QUESTION No 277/92 by Mr Diego de los Santos López (ARC) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992) Subject: Fishing with driftnets

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Subject: Implementation of the bird protection Directive in Italy

WRITTEN QUESTION No 282/92 by Mr Eisso Woltjer (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: European year of safety and health

WRITTEN QUESTION No 285/92

by Mr Jacques Vernier (RDE)

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Subject: Directive on package travel, package holidays and package tours and strike of a public service in a Member State

WRITTEN QUESTION No 286/92

by Mr Sotiris Kostopoulos (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992) Subject: The forest of Ainou

WRITTEN QUESTION No 287/92

by Mr Sotiris Kostopoulos (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: New industries in Attika

WRITTEN QUESTION No 288/92 by Mr Sotiris Kostopoulos (S)

to the Commission (20. 2. 1992) Subject: Drapetsona chemical factory

WRITTEN QUESTION No 289/92

by Mr Sotiris Kostopoulos (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Blatant violation of individual and social rights by the Greek post office

WRITTEN QUESTION No 292/92

by Mrs Raymonde Dury (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Measures to combat sexual exploitation of children in Thailand

WRITTEN QUESTION No 293/92

by Mrs Raymonde Dury (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Eurocustoms Association

WRITTEN QUESTION No 294/92 by Mrs Raymonde Dury (S) to the Commission

Subject: Environment: effect of PVC

(20. 2. 1992)

WRITTEN QUESTION No 295/92 by Mrs Raymonde Dury (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

Subject: Appointment of regional policy observers

by Mrs Raymonde Dury (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992)

WRITTEN QUESTION No 297/92 by Mrs Raymonde Dury (S)

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WRITTEN QUESTION No 298/92 by Mrs Raymonde Dury (S) to the Commission (20. 2. 1992) Subject: Sanctions against Yugoslavia and Belgian firms

WRITTEN QUESTION No 299/92 by Mrs Raymonde Dury (S) to the Commission

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Subject: Health and safety: information to the Luxembourg committee

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Subject: Stepping up the R & D framework programme

WRITTEN QUESTION No 296/92

Subject: Belgian participation in the Mattheus programme

WRITTEN QUESTION No 307/92 by Mr Francesco Speroni (ARC) to the Commission

(25. 2. 1992)

Subject: The link between the qualifications of the staff working at the JRC in Ispra and the tasks assigned to them

WRITTEN QUESTION No 308/92 by Mrs Ursula Braun-Moser (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Technical harmonization in Europe

WRITTEN QUESTION No 309/92

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Subject: Fivefold increase in road tolls for Greek lorries in Hungary

WRITTEN QUESTION No 312/92

by Mrs Jessica Larive (LDR) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Native language to be excluded from labels?

WRITTEN QUESTION No 314/92 by Mr João Cravinho (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: The situation in East Timor

WRITTEN QUESTION No 317/92 by Mr Proinsias De Rossa (CG) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

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Subject: Marketing of breastmilk substitutes to developing countries

WRITTEN QUESTION No 319/92 by Mr Elmar Brok (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Pension rights for migrant workers

WRITTEN QUESTION No 320/92 by Mr Thomas Maher (LDR) to the Commission

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Subject: The operation of Community programmes by independent agencies

WRITTEN QUESTION No 321/92 by Mrs Winifred Ewing (ARC) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

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WRITTEN QUESTION No 322/92 by Mrs Winifred Ewing (ARC) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

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WRITTEN QUESTION No 323/92 by Mr Yves Verwaerde (LDR) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Combating air pollution — deadline for transposing the Directive adopted on 1 October 1991

WRITTEN QUESTION No 324/92 by Mrs Sylvie Mayer (CG) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Scientific cooperation with Vietnam

WRITTEN QUESTION No 326/92 by Mr Giuseppe Mottola (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: The Volla fruit and vegetable food centre (Naples)

WRITTEN QUESTION No 327/92 by Mr Alexandros Alavanos (CG) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Application of the Directive on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment in relation to the district plan for Thessaloniki

WRITTEN QUESTION No 328/92 by Mr Mihail Papayannakis (GUE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Building on 12 500 hectares of woodland

WRITTEN QUESTION No 329/92 by Mr John McCartin (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: 1991 Livestock premia

WRITTEN QUESTION No 330/92 by Mr Edward Newman (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Interpretation of Article 8a

WRITTEN QUESTION No 331/92

by Mr Edward Newman (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Study on granting certain rights to third country nationals

WRITTEN QUESTION No 333/92 by Mr Edward Newman (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

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WRITTEN QUESTION No 336/92 by Mr Llewellyn Smith (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Nuclear waste management programme

WRITTEN QUESTION No 337/92

by Mr Llewellyn Smith (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Security/safety of nuclear materials

WRITTEN QUESTION No 339/92

by Mr Llewellyn Smith (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Reprocessing plants WRITTEN QUESTION No 340/92 by Mr Llewellyn Smith (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Euratom — radiological emergency

WRITTEN QUESTION No 341/92 by Mr Llewellyn Smith (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Thorp 1992 opening

WRITTEN QUESTION No 343/92 by Mr Carlos Robles Piquer (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

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WRITTEN QUESTION No 348/92 by Mr Carlos Robles Piquer (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Publicizing the participation of the regions in Community policies and programmes

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WRITTEN QUESTION No 350/92 by Mr José Álvarez De Paz (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Structural problems in the labour market

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Subject: Labour market and vocational training

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Subject: Commission assessments of the Danish Ministry of Labour's administration of grants from the Community's Social Fund

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by Mr José Happart (S) to the Commission

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Subject: Articles impregnated with LSD intended for children

WRITTEN QUESTION No 355/92

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Subject: The importance of fishing in the autonomous region of Madeira

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by Mr Jaak Vandemeulebroucke (ARC) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: New Treaty — Union citizenship

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by Mr Mauro Chiabrando (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Trade liberalization in the tanning and hides sector

WRITTEN QUESTION No 358/92 by Mr Mauro Chiabrando (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Initiatives for Italian beekeeping

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Subject: Provisions applicable to pharmacies

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to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Community definition of 'small brewery'

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by Mrs Anita Pollack (S) to the Commission

(25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Enforcement of legal procedure and remedies for individuals subject to sex discrimination

WRITTEN QUESTION No 363/92

by Mr Adrien Zeller (PPE)

to the Commission

(25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Consequences of the abolition of frontiers on 1 January 1993 for the professions of forwarding agent and customs agent

WRITTEN QUESTION No 364/92

by Mr Adrien Zeller (PPE)

to the Commission

(25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Social security arrangements for students originating in an EEC Member State and studying in another Member State

WRITTEN QUESTION No 365/92

by Mr Paul Lannoye (V) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Contamination of Belgian milk by organochlorines

WRITTEN QUESTION No 366/92

by Mr Paul Lannoye (V) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues

WRITTEN QUESTION No 367/92

by Mr Sérgio Ribeiro (CG) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: The Commission and the Republic of Cuba

WRITTEN QUESTION No 368/92

by Mr Juan Gangoiti Llaguno (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Conversion of customs sector activities

WRITTEN QUESTION No 370/92

by Mr Luigi Vertemati (S)

to the Commission

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Subject: Siting of waste disposal plants in the context of overall and local planning arrangements

WRITTEN QUESTION No 371/92

by Mr Luigi Vertemati (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Aid to the republics of the CIS

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by Mr François Guillaume (RDE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Quotas for milk producers

WRITTEN QUESTION No 374/92

by Mr François Guillaume (RDE) to the Commission

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Subject: Damage caused to individuals, and especially farmers, by cadmium and lead discharged from the Metaleurop factory at Noyelles-Godault (Pas-de-Calais)

WRITTEN QUESTION No 375/92

by Mr François Guillaume (RDE)

to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Implications of unilateral action by the USA against Community agri-foodstuffs

WRITTEN QUESTION No 377/92

by Mr John Cushnahan (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Alternative use of agricultural produce

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by Mr John Cushnahan (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Funding for agricultural research in Ireland

WRITTEN QUESTION No 379/92 by Mr John Cushnahan (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: 1991/92 voluntary buy-out scheme for milk quotas

WRITTEN QUESTION No 380/92 by Mr John Cushnahan (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Citizens' access to information and legal advice in Ireland

WRITTEN QUESTION No 381/92 by Mr Mihail Papayannakis (GUE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Encroachment on archaeological sites in Greece

WRITTEN QUESTION No 382/92 by Mr Mihail Papayannakis (GUE)

to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Sale of machinery from the Lavrion mines

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Subject: Irrigation works on the river Pinios (Peloponnese)

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WRITTEN QUESTION No 387/92

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Subject: Quality of water supplied to communes in the prefecture of Ioannina

WRITTEN QUESTION No 388/92

by Mr Sotiris Kostopoulos (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Diversion of the river Acheloos

WRITTEN QUESTION No 390/92

by Mr Edward McMillan-Scott (ED) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: The Community's relations with Romania

WRITTEN QUESTION No 394/92 by Mr Madron Seligman (ED)

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Subject: Age discrimination in job recruitment

WRITTEN QUESTION No 395/92

by Mr Edward Newman (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Dissemination of racial hatred in the form of 'music' in the European Community

WRITTEN QUESTION No 396/92 by Mr Herman Verbeek (V) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Pesticide exports

WRITTEN QUESTION No 397/92 by Mr Gianfranco Amendola (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Discrepancies in the application of the environmental impact assessment for the 'Vetto dam' project on the river Enza in Emilia-Romagna

WRITTEN QUESTION No 398/92 by Mr Ben Visser (S) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992) Subject: Low-sulphur fuels

WRITTEN QUESTION No 399/92 by Mr Pol Marck (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: Quality control of potatoes after 1992

WRITTEN QUESTION No 400/92 by Mr Bouke Beumer (PPE) to the Commission (25. 2. 1992)

Subject: International military economic cooperation with America

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Ecu (¹) 29 April 1992 (92/C 111/02)

Currency amount for one unit:

Belgian and		United States dollar	1,24131
Luxembourg franc	42,2419	Canadian dollar	1,48225
Danish krone	7,94254	Japanese yen	165,678
German mark	2,05338		,
Greek drachma	240,455	Swiss franc	1,88617
	,	Norwegian krone	8,01888
Spanish peseta	128,953	Swedish krona	7,41250
French franc	6,92528	Swedish Kiona	7,41230
Irish pound	0,769043	Finnish markka	5,58218
Italian lira	1544,24	Austrian schilling	14,4514
Dutch guilder	2,31083	Icelandic krona	73,5726
Portuguese escudo	173,374	Australian dollar	1,63438
Pound sterling	0,699252	New Zealand dollar	2,30299

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- type the code 'cccc' which puts the automatic system into operation resulting in the transmission of the conversion rates of the ecu;
- the transmission should not be interrupted until the end of the message, which is marked by the code 'ffff'.

Note: The Commission also has an automatic telex answering service (No 21791) providing daily data on calculation of monetary compensatory amounts for the purposes of the common agricultural policy.

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3308/80 of 16 December 1980 (OJ No L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 1).

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 of 18 December 1978 (OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1971/89 (OJ No L 189, 4. 7. 1989, p. 1).

Council Decision 80/1184/EEC of 18 December 1980 (Convention of Lomé) (OJ No L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 34).

Commission Decision No 3334/80/ECSC of 19 December 1980 (OJ No L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 27).

Financial Regulation of 16 December 1980 concerning the general budget of the European Communities (OJ No L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 23).

Decision of the Council of Governors of the European Investment Bank of 13 May 1981 (OJ No L 311, 30. 10. 1981, p. 1).

Average prices and representative prices for table wines at the various marketing centres (*) (92/C 111/03)

(Established on 28 April 1992 for the application of Article 30 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87)

Type of wine and the various marketing centres	ECU per % vol/hl	Type of wine and the various marketing centres	ECU per % vol/hl
RI		AI	
Heraklion	No quotation	Athens	No quotation
Patras	No quotation	Heraklion	No quotation
Requena	2,071		-
Reus	No quotation	Patras	No quotation
Villafranca del Bierzo	No quotation (1) 2,899	Alcázar de San Juan	1,842
Bastia Béziers	3,123	Almendralejo	1,842
Montpellier	3,154	Medina del Campo	No quotation (1)
Narbonne	3,230	Ribadavia	No quotation
Nîmes	No quotation	Villafranca del Penedés	No quotation
Perpignan	3,055	Villar del Arzobispo	
Asti	No quotation		No quotation (1)
Florence	No quotation	Villarrobledo	No quotation (1)
Lecce Pescara	No quotation No quotation	Bordeaux	No quotation
Reggio Emilia	No quotation (1)	Nantes	No quotation
Treviso	2,753	Bari	No quotation
Verona (for local wines)	No quotation	Cagliari	No quotation
Representative price	3,026	Chieti	No quotation
		Ravenna (Lugo, Faenza)	-
R II			2,697
Heraklion	No quotation	Trapani (Alcamo)	2,498
Patras	No quotation	Treviso	2,753
Calatayud	No quotation	Representative price	2,188
Falset	No quotation		
lumilla Navalcarnero	No quotation No quotation (1)		ECU/hl
Requena	No quotation		
Гого	No quotation	A II	
Villena	No quotation (1)	Rheinpfalz (Oberhaardt)	50,973
Bastia	No quotation		
Brignoles	No quotation	Rheinhessen (Hügelland)	48,497
Bari	No quotation	The wine-growing region of the Luxembourg Moselle	No quotation (1)
Barletta	No quotation	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Cagliari Lecce	No quotation No quotation	Representative price	49,426
Taranto	No quotation		
Representative price	No quotation		
	·	A III	
	ECU/hl	Mosel-Rheingau	No quotation
R III		The wine-growing region	•
Rheinpfalz-Rheinhessen		of the Luxembourg Moselle	No quotation (1)
(Hügelland)	No quotation (1)	Representative price	No quotation

(*) Since 1 September 1991, the Spanish prices published are to be multiplied by a factor of 1,07 for the ratio between the Community and Spanish guide prices, in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 481/86 of 25 February 1986.

(1) Quotation not taken into account in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2682/77.

Notice of initiation of a review of anti-dumping/anti-subsidy measures concerning imports of binder and baler twine originating in Brazil and Mexico

(92/C 111/04)

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 15 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88 of 11 July 1988 on protection against dumped or subsidized imports from countries not members of the European Community ('), the Commission has received a request for a review of the anti-dumping/anti-subsidy measures currently in force in respect of binder and baler twine originating in Brazil and Mexico. The request was lodged by the Liaison Committee of EEC Twine and Cordage Industries (Eurocord) on behalf of producers representing a significant proportion of Community production of the product concerned.

Previous proceeding

In December 1985 (²) the Commission gave notice that it was reopening the anti-dumping/anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports of binder and baler twine originating in Brazil and Mexico and initiated an investigation. Following the investigation, in Decision 87/66/EEC (³), the Council:

- accepted the undertakings given by the Brazilian manufacturers of the products concerned,
- renewed the acceptance of the undertaking offered by Cordemex, the Mexican exporter of the products concerned, and
- thereby terminated the investigations opened under the abovementioned proceeding.

On 7 August 1991, in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88, the Commission gave notice of the impending expiry of these measures (⁴). On 31 December it gave notice of its intention to carry out a review of the measures (⁵).

- (*) OJ No C 206, 7. 8. 1991, p. 2.
- (³) OJ No C 336, 31. 12. 1991, p. 5.

Product

The product concerned is sisal twine or other textile fibres of the genus *Agave* (binder and baler twine). It falls within CN code 5607 21 00, previously Nimexe code 5904 31.

Grounds for the request

The request points out that the expiry of the measures would lead again to injury or threat of injury. In support of its allegations, and while recognizing that there has been a steady decline in the size of the Community market for agricultural twine, Eurocord emphasizes that this was partly due to the anti-dumping/anti-subsidy measures in force at the time which had made it possible to contain the pressure exercised by imports and enabled Community producers to concentrate their efforts on adjusting production capacity.

The Community industry considers that the expiry of the measures would jeopardize any chance of a successful outcome to its restructuring efforts which, the industry says, have led in the last four years to two factories closing down, four Community rope makers deciding to stop the production of sisal twine and a drop of some 15 % in the numbers employed in the industry.

Brazil's sales to the Community are said to have been less affected than Community producers' sales by the drop in consumption and it is alleged that Brazil has been practising a policy of underquoting prices by as much as 27 % since the beginning of 1991 (Eurocord quotes the case of the Danish market which it considers particularly important).

The requester also points out that Brazil does not appear to have reduced its production capacity in spite of a steady drop in demand in the world market and that, in the absence of measures such as the current undertaking, Brazil might be tempted to adopt a policy of massive selling on the Community market at dumping prices. As an example Eurocord cites the United States market where Brazilian exporters are said to have obtained a near-monopoly situation by means of such a policy so that, having eliminated their competitors, they were able to raise their prices.

There has been at net reduction in imports from Mexico since 1988 but it is alleged that this country has significant production capacities which were restructured in 1991. The requester alleges that, in the absence of the current type of undertaking, these capacities could be

^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ No L 209, 2. 8. 1988, p. 1.

⁽²) OJ No C 315, 6. 12. 1985, p. 2.

^{(&}lt;sup>3</sup>) OJ No L 34, 5. 2. 1987, p. 55.

used shortly to permit massive exports to the Community at dumping prices.

Procedure

Having decided, after consultation, that there is sufficient evidence to warrant a review, the Commission has commenced an investigation in accordance with the provisions of Articles 14 and 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88. Interested parties may make known their views in writing, in particular by replying to the questionnaire addressed to the parties known to be concerned and by providing supporting evidence. Furthermore, the Commission will hear parties who so request when making their views known, provided that they can show that they are likely to be affected by the result of the proceeding.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 15 (3) of the above Regulation, the undertakings shall remain in force pending the outcome of the review.

This notice is published in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 (1) (a) of the abovementioned Regulation.

Time limit

Any information relating to the matter and any request for a hearing should be sent in writing to reach the Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General for External Relations (Division I-C-1), 200 rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels (¹), not later than 30 days following the date of publication of this notice or, for parties known to be concerned, the date when the letter accompanying the abovementioned questionnaire was received, whichever is the later. This letter shall be deemed to have been received seven days after posting.

Any party not receiving the questionnaire should request a copy within two weeks of the publication of this notice. All questionnaires so requested (or requested after this deadline) must be returned, duly completed, to the above address not later than 45 days after the publication of this notice.

If the necessary information and submissons are not received in due form within the time limit specified, the Community authorities may make findings on the basis of the facts available, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 (7) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88.

(1) Telex: COMEU B 21877; telefax: (32 2) 235 65 05.

III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

Conversion of the defense-related industries

Call for expression of interest from firms regarding preselection for the carrying out studies, fomulating recommendations and supervising of restructuring operations in the process of the conversion of defense-related industries in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

(92/C 111/05)

1. Eligibility

Preselection is open on equal terms to all companies or consortia of the Member States of the European Community and of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

All members of a consortium must individually satisfy this requirement.

At the request of the Commission, companies must provide evidence that they satisfy the eligibility conditions set out above.

2. Purpose

The purpose of preselection is to draw up a list of firms specializing in the provision of advice and technical assistance on the conversion of defense-related industries.

The preselected firms may be invited to take part as appropriate in:

- restricted invitations to tender to be issued in due course by 1 or more countries, or the EC Commission;
- simplified tendering procedures;
- the conclusions of direct contract; for projects financed by the European Community under the Technical Assistance Programme to the CIS.

3. Nature of services

Applicant firms or consortia must be able to provide assistance to defense-related industries in the following forms:

- assistance in identifying plants that could quickly expand production of civil equipment;
- advice on conversion strategies, on structural reorganization and necessary restructurizations;

- industrial and commercial feasibility studies;
- carrying out of market research;
- carrying out of studies in order to evaluate scientific, technological and industrial resources;
- operations involving retraining of staff, exchange of specialists or transfer of know-how.

If they so wish, firms or consortia may propose that they provide services through the long-term secondment of experts.

4. Skills required

Applicant firms or consortia must demostrate experience and ability in the sectoral defense-related industries, and especially in all the following fields:

- strategic analysis of defense-related industries, including in particular its process of conversion towards civil production;
- analysis of technological potential in the sector of defense-related industries (R&D, licences, patents);
- analysis of commercial capacity (distribution, marketing);
- financial and accounting analysis;
- analysis of production techniques and costs;
- analysis of the legislative context (environment, social, etc.);
- analysis of human resources;
- preparation of strategies for the sector and/or enterprise;
- analysis and recommendations on the organization and structure of enterprise;
- recommendations on the preparation of strategic operating plans for enterprises.

5. Requirements

- Proven experience in the sector of defense-related industries.
- Proven experience in all the skill fields in 4.
- Preference will be given to firms or consortia which already have experience in the recipient countries.
- Staff must be qualified and experienced in the areas concerned.
- In the case of an application from a group or consortium, each member company must normally meet the conditions set out above. However, applications will also be accepted from groups or consortia made up of companies each of which specializes in only some of the activities covered by the prequalification, provided that the group or consortium as a whole meets the required criteria.

6. Contents of the application

The following documents must be submitted:

6.1 Studies of sector or enterprises

The applicant firm, or in the case of consortia each member, must submit a brief summary (maximum 2 pages) listing in the order given below:

a) Identification of applicant: name, full address, telephone, telex, facsimile, person to contact.

b) Nature of applicant.

c) Size (capital, turnover and profit for the last 3 years, number of offices, number of permanent staff by type of activity).

d) Main areas of activity.

e) Community languages and languages of the recipient countries in which the applicant can operate.

It must also provide (in not more than 2 pages) proof of its ability (including references from earlier work) to cover all the fields required and satisty the requirements of paragraphs 4 and 5. 6.2 Long-term secondment of experts

Applicant firms and consortia which wish to take part in such secondments must demonstrate their ability to do so on a separate sheet, specifying the number of permanent staff available by category of activity and the number of outside experts by sector of activity on whom they can call if necessary.

6.3 Annexed documents

Annual reports, publications, etc.

on the basis of the application received, the Commission will draw up a list of firms which appear eligible to take part in the measures which it is financing in the fields listed above. The list will be valid for 2 years and may be extended or added to. Firms taking part in the preselection procedure will be informed whether they have been selected.

Applications which do not fully match the skills and requirements laid down or which do not include full documentation will not be taken into consideration.

7. Submission of applicants

Prequalification applications with all the documentation required must be submitted in 4 copies to arrive no later than 31. 5. 1992 at the following address:

— Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General for External Relations, rue de la Loi 200, DGI-E-2, L-84/4/40, for the attention of Mr Serge Goriely, B-1049 Brussels.

One additional form must be sent to:

 Commission of the European Communities, DGI, rue de la Loi 200, L-84 6/10, B-1049 Brussels, for the attention of Mr Bernard Caisso.

The envelope must be sealed and marked as follows:

"TACIS - Application for preselection of firms to provide services for the conversion of defense-related industries."

Applicants may obtain additional information by applying in writing to the address given above.

Cooperation in science and technology with Central and Eastern European Countries

Commission of the European Communities

Call for proposals

(92/C 111/06)

1. Background

The Commission is launching several preparatory and pilot actions with the objective of exploring the perspectives of scientific and technological cooperation between the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the European Community.

2. Participation

Participation is open to any physical and legal person established in the Member States of the European Community and in those countries of Central and Eastern Europe which have an agreement with the European Community covering cooperation in science and technology development. These countries are at present: Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania. Participation of other countries is under consideration.

3. Description

The actions concerned are the following:

- a) Scientific and technical mobility involving nationals of the European Community and those of the Central and Eastern European countries (research fellowships). The areas include all exact and natural sciences, economic and management sciences as well as human and social sciences.
- b) Preparatory actions with a view to explore the setting up of pan-European scientific networks (action B 1) and the organization of and participation in conferences, workshops and seminars (action B 2). The areas include all exact and natural sciences, economic and management sciences as well as human and social sciences.
- c) Joint research projects in priority areas, between organizations and enterprises, both public and private, of the European Community and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The areas include the quality of life (environmental protection, health protection, social sciences and societal problems) and the industrial technologies (information and communication technologies, materials and production, agro-industry and food).
- d) Support for the participation of organizations and enterprises of Central and Eastern European countries in projects of those specific Community

programmes for research and technological development which allow such participation on a project by project basis.

e) Support for the participation of organizations and enterprises established in Central and Eastern European countries in COST actions.

4. Submission of proposals

- 4.1 The Commission invites interested persons and organizations to submit proposals related to 1 of the actions set out in paragraph 3 or a combination of these.
- 4.2 Proposals for the mobility scheme under paragraph 3 A should include an applicant and a host institution. On request, the Commission may help to establish contacts with potential host organizations.

Proposals for scientific networks (action B 1) under paragraph 3 B should include at least 2 partners of the European Community and 2 partners from Central and Eastern Europe. The proposals for conferences, workshops and seminars (action B 2) may originate from interested persons or organizations established in countries of Central and Eastern Europe or of the European Community.

Proposals for participation in joint research projects under paragraph 3 C should include at least 1 partner from Central and Eastern European countries and 1 partner of a Member State of the European Community. Preference will be given to proposals exhibiting a more extended cooperation, notably those which include several countries of Central and Eastern Europe together with several partners in the European Community.

Expressions of interest are expected for actions 3 D and 3 E.

- 4.3 Selected proposals will be funded by the Commission according to the conditions laid down in the information package.
- 4.4 Proposals for participation in actions A, B 1, B 2 and C and expressions of interest for actions D and E, must be received by the Commission of the

European Community in Brussels by 7. 8. 1992 (17.00), at the following address:

Commission of the European Community, Scientific and Technical Cooperation with Central and Eastern European Countries, 75 Rue Montoyer, B-1040 Brussels, facsimile (02) 236 33 08.

5. Information

The description of the priority areas, the conditions required for participation in the actions concerned as well as application forms are included in the information package which can be obtained at the address mentioned in paragraph 4.4.

Evaluation of industrial policy issues in Greece, Ireland and Portugal (tender No 92/09)

(92/C 111/07)

1. Awarding authority

Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General for Regional Policies, Directorate B, office 3/62, 200 rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels.

Contacts: Mr J. Murran, tel. (02) 235 83 38; Mr D. Barry, tel. (02) 235 02 54, facsimile (02) 236 60 04.

2. Award procedure

Open invitation to tender.

3. Place of performance

Belgium, Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

4. Purpose of contract

The objective of this exercise is to produce a significant and worthwhile report on the main directions of change in industrial policy which appear appropriate for Greece, Ireland and Portugal in the 1990s.

The Commission wishes to be assisted in this task by an outside organization which will operate in close liaison with a Commission inter-departmental working group. The responsibilities of this organization will include:

- preparation of a short list of experts and support units from which the Commission can select those to carry out the work;
- administration and execution of subcontracting agreements; management of documents and other project material as well as the coordination and organization of meetings/workshops (in Belgium, Greece, Ireland and Portugal);
- adherence to the strict reporting deadlines which will be imposed by the inter-departmental working group;
- financial management of the overall contract budget.

5. Qualifications of applicants

Applicants should have previous experience in the administration and coordination of individual contracts of subcontractees (physical persons or organizations), especially in the countries referred to above. Previous experience with Commission procedures is highly desirable.

6. Criteria for the award of the contract

In addition to the price quoted, applicants will be evaluated on the effectiveness of their proposed administrative procedures, their cost control experience and of course on their overall approach to the assignment.

7. Project duration

The project is expected to begin during the autumn of 1992 and will be completed by March 1993.

8. Project language

Tenders can be submitted in any 1 of the official Community languages. Member State reports may be compiled in their national language and translated subsequently for the benefit of the Commission interdepartmental group.

9. Additional information

If you are interested in submitting a tender for this contract, you should apply in writing or by facsimile to the adress given in item 1 above for details of the terms of reference and other conditions of tender. Please quote the reference of this tender by indicating the title and number. You should also indicate the name and address of the person to whom documentation should be sent.

10. Deadline for requests for information

8.5.1992.

11. Tender closing date

12. 6. 1992.

12. Validity of offers

6 months.



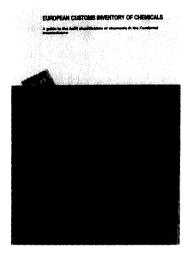
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