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Oral Question with Debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the
Rules of Procedure
by Mr
on behalf of the Socialist Group
to the Conference of Foreign Ministers and the Council

Subject : Protection of human rights in Europe

The European Community participated with full and equal rights in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and in the signing of the final act in Helsinki, and undertook a special responsibility for the protection of human rights in Europe.

Moreover, the signatory states have committed themselves to respect the dignity of man and his fundamental rights.

Are the Conference of Foreign Ministers and the Council prepared, therefore :

- to verify in which of the signatory states there have been infringements of human rights since the signing of the final act in Helsinki;
- in cases where such infringements have been identified, to raise them for discussion at the follow-up Conference in Belgrade and to demand that these infringements be discontinued?

Note to members of the Socialist Group

Subject: Round-table discussion on 'Spain and Europe'
Brussels, 16 February 1977

Dear Comrades,

The secretariat reports that, in accordance with the Bureau's decisions, a round-table discussion will be held in Brussels on Wednesday, 16 February, beginning at 9.00 a.m.

Taking part in the discussion will be several Spanish political figures, representing the main political 'families': Socialists, Christian-Democrats, Communists and two representatives of the regional Catalan and Basque movements.

To ensure a certain degree of coherence during the discussion, the Bureau of the group has decided that only the Spanish visitors (about twelve) and the members of the Bureau should speak. All parliamentarians belonging to the group who are interested in this meeting are cordially invited to attend. However, neither the European Parliament nor the group will be able to pay their travelling expenses.

In this connection, the secretariat would point out that six parliamentary committees are meeting in Brussels on 15 February and three on 16 February.

Owing to its public nature, the round-table discussion will be held in a large municipal hall. Members will be notified of the address as soon as the negotiations on the rental have been successfully concluded. In view of the political interest of the meeting, the chairman urges members to make every effort to attend the parliamentary committee meetings on 15 and 16 February or to volunteer to stand in for members who may be absent.

Yours fraternally,

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Deputy Secretary-General

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