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"The EEC Council of Ministers has plunged a dagger in Britain's back. The European Parliament should now pull that dagger out and help heal the wound inflicted by the Council," said Neil Balfour (Yorkshire North) Conservative budget spokesman in the European Parliament, commenting on last night's decision to block £60 m rebate due to Britain.

Conservative MEPs will now be mounting an all-out effort in the Parliament to reverse last night's decision by the Council of Ministers.

"The Council has acted in bad faith," said Mr Balfour. I do not believe this demonstration of bad faith will be shared by the Parliament and I am confident that our allies on the centre-right will support us in seeing that the commitment to repay the rebate is honoured.

"The Parliament now has both the duty and the opportunity to demonstrate how, unlike the Ministers, it wants to see fair play and justice.

"The Parliament will have the opportunity to show its good faith when it meets on September 12."

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