

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0800/01  
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to the Commission

Subject: Campaign against torture

Amnesty International has requested the European Union to join the worldwide campaign against torture launched in October 2000 and, following the example of the guidelines for a Union policy vis-à-vis third countries with regard to the death penalty adopted in 1998, to draw up guidelines for a comprehensive EU policy against torture and abuse in third countries.

1. What measures has the Commission taken to that end?
2. Where does it consider that there is a further need for action in order to lend even greater weight to the established principles of the EU with regard to promoting democracy and human rights in the world?