

ORAL QUESTION H-0533/03
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Disappearance of women and girls in Mexico

In the last 10 years, more than 320 corpses of women and girls have been found in Ciudad Juárez in Mexico. A total of 4 476 women and girls, average age between 14 and 16, have disappeared in Mexican cities. The ineffectiveness of the Mexican authorities' investigations means that these women, who are suffering the gravest possible violation of their fundamental rights, are without protection. Moreover, the Mexican authorities do not comply with the recommendations and action plan of the UN IVth World Women's Conference, or the commitments they have undertaken in the United Nation Convention for eliminating all forms of discrimination against women.

Will the Council communicate to the government of the United Mexican States the disquiet provoked by the crimes which have taken place in Ciudad Juárez and other Mexican cities, and request details of what action has been taken?

Does the Council intend, within the framework of the Cooperation Agreement with Mexico, to provide the necessary assistance to help clarify, with the Mexican authorities, these appalling crimes?

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