

ORAL QUESTION H-0545/03
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: Violation by the United States of the human rights of five Cuban citizens

Following a trial conducted without the minimum legal safeguards, the United States Government imprisoned five Cuban citizens resident in Florida (Gerardo Hernández, René González, Fernando González, Tony Guerrero and Ramón Labañino) whose task was to combat terrorism by the mafia groups that strike at Cuba and the Cuban people. In being held in solitary confinement and incommunicado and suffering ill-treatment they are being subjected to very harsh prison conditions that constitute a serious violation of the Convention on Human Rights.

Does the Council consider it lawful and consonant with respect for human rights for these persons to have no right to contact with their close family, which is to say their wives and children?

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