

ORAL QUESTION H-0034/09  
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2009  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Open terrorism by employers against trade unionists

The murderous acid attack on Konstantina Kouneva, a trade unionist and General Secretary of the Panattic Union of Cleaners and Domestic Personnel, on 22 December 2008 is the culmination of series of incidents of open terrorism by employers against workers who belong to trade unions, claim their rights or take part in strike movements called by their unions. The most recent such incident is that of Nikos Niklopoulou, an employee at Jumbo, a toy shop in Vari, who was dismissed for taking part in a nation-wide general strike on 10 December 2008.

Will the Commission condemn these incidents of terrorism by employers against workers, which are now commonplace at workers' places of employment and have turned such places into ghettos where none of the protective provisions of employment legislation obtain, but where the despotic will of employers is imposed by all available means?

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