



Subcommittee on Human Rights

Meeting

16 July 2008 in Brussels

QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION

1. Question tabled by Mr Bogusław Sonik

Subject: Human rights in Philippines

Human rights in Philippines are permanently abused. There are examples of unjustified detentions, tortures, abductions, sexual abuses, extrajudicial killings and arbitrary executions. Since 2001 we had 180 cases of abductions and more than 800 victims of lawless executions in Philippines. The situation of human rights defenders: **Angie Ipong, Elizabeth Principe and Luisa Posa - Dominado** is still unknown.

Regarding European Parliament resolution of 26 April 2007 on the human rights in the Philippines (P6_TA(2007)0171), the Melo Commission Report and European Commission declaration concerning EU Justice Assistance Mission, I would like to ask:

What kind of actions has been taken by Commission to solve this difficult situation of human rights defenders in Philippines?

Does the Commission intend to follow the political discussion with President Arroyo and her government to clarify all the cases of abductions and unjustified detentions? Is there any plan drafted by Commission to evaluate President Arroyo 6 - point plan to stop extrajudicial killings?

2. Question tabled by Mr Marco Cappato

Subject: case of former Iraqi Foreign Affairs minister Mr Tareq Aziz

Having regard to the highly probable sentence to death and execution of former Iraqi Foreign Affairs minister Mr Tareq Aziz, and having regard to the EU engagement for a moratorium on capital executions, does the Commission have any intention to raise the issue and take any action vis-à-vis the Iraqi government, to stress for an immediate moratorium on executions?