WRITTEN QUESTION E-0289/00 by Arie Oostlander (PPE-DE) to the Council

Subject: Kosovar prisoners in Serbia

In a statement by the Interparliamentary Delegation for Relations with South-East Europe, which referred to an EP resolution of 16 September 1999 (B5-0100/1999), the Serbian Government was called upon to release the approximately 1900 Kosovar prisoners still being held under appalling conditions in Serbian gaols.

Is the Council aware that nearly two thousand Kosovars are still imprisoned in Serbia, as they have been since the end of the Kosovo crisis?

Will the Council take effective measures to enable these people to return to their families as soon as possible?

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