

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3095/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Basque Country's recognition through repression

In my written question E-0645/03¹ dated 24 February 2003, I referred to the 634 politically motivated people who were arrested during 2002 in the Basque Country.

On 8 October, early in the morning, 34 people were arrested by the Spanish and French police on both sides of the border that divides our country and constitutes an internal iron curtain. Let me recall that Germany was able to commemorate last week the 13th anniversary of its reunification, while the Basque Country remains torn to pieces: It is not recognised at all in the Northern part, under French rule, and it is under two separate administrations as part of the Kingdom of Spain.

As those detainees all over the country indicate, can the Basque Country achieve recognition only through repression?

Could the Commission present a proposal for a Community action plan to guarantee the Basque people the right to exist?

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