

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2716/06
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to the Council

Subject: Separation of children from their families in camps in Tindouf (western Algeria)

Is the Council aware of allegations to the effect that in camps in Tindouf children are being separated from their families, without their parents' consent, and sent to far-off countries in order to be given military training and indoctrinated. It is also said that these children are being used as a source of manpower in those countries.

What is the Council's stance on this situation, which contravenes human rights principles and in particular the Convention on the Rights of the Child?

Has the Council taken any action to end these separations and, if so, what form has this taken?