

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1794/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Use of evidence obtained under torture in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Is the Commission aware of the case of Pastor Kutino who, on 16 June 2006, was sentenced to 20 years in prison in the Democratic Republic of Congo, after a trial which used evidence from Pastor Kutino's co-defendant, Mr Lganda, which was allegedly obtained under torture?

Has the Commission, under the EU Guidelines on the Use of Torture, made representations on behalf of Pastor Kutino's co-defendant Mr Lganda and impressed on the Congolese Government that information obtained under torture should not be used as evidence?