

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3769/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Torture in Guantánamo Bay

Is the Commission aware of recent reports in the international media alleging that senior US Administration officials, including two assistant attorney-generals, sanctioned torture at Guantánamo Bay? Does the Commission agree with me that the use of waterboarding, stress positions, hooding and forced nudity constitutes a form of torture and degrading treatment?

Does the Commission also agree with me that torture is an unacceptable practice and should be condemned wherever it occurs?

What representations will the Commission make to the US authorities concerning the use of torture at its facilities in Guantánamo Bay? What other action is the Commission taking to stop the use of torture around the world?