

**Question for written answer E-9442/2010
to the Council
Rule 117
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Subject: Death of an Angolan citizen being expelled from the UK

The UK daily The Guardian of 15.10.2010 reported that the police were investigating the treatment meted out to Jimmy Mubenga, who died onboard a British Airways plane shortly before it took off from Heathrow, when he was being deported to his country of origin.

Mubenga and his wife had been living in the UK for 16 years. They had five children. Apparently, they had fled Angola out of fear of political persecution.

The Guardian reported that three passengers on Mubenga's flight claimed that three private security agents (hired by the Home Office) used excessive violence to keep Mubenga immobilised in his seat.

Does the Council not think that efforts should be redoubled to achieve a common immigration policy which, amongst other important matters, would adequately regulate the conditions and guarantees applicable to deportations, so as to avoid distressing and shameful cases such as that of Jimmy Mubenga?