

ORAL QUESTION H-0596/02
for Question Time at the part-session in September I 2002
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Mobilisation of striking seamen

As part of its general anti-labour policy the Greek Government is intensifying its high-handed and repressive measures and has introduced the anti-constitutional measure of 'civil mobilisation'. At the seamen's strike of 29 May the Government deployed the Port Police and special riot forces against strikers, which resulted in bloodshed. When the seamen demanded that their insurance, labour and wage rights be satisfied and that measures be taken to protect human life at sea, the Greek Government, acting on behalf of shipowners and in order to break the seamen's strike, introduced the 'military law' on 22 June in an attempt to abolish the right to strike in practice and, more generally, basic democratic rights.

What view does the Commission take of such anti-democratic and fascist measures to repress strikes and what measures does it intend to take to ensure that the demand of the entire workforce for an immediate end to mobilisation is met?

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