

ORAL QUESTION H-0191/03
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by Yasmine Boudjenah
to the Council

Subject: Western Sahara

While expressing my surprise and concern at the biased position expressed by the Presidency, which makes no reference whatsoever to the holding of a free, legal and impartial referendum on self-determination of the people of Western Sahara in accordance with the UN Peace Plan, I wish to ask the Council whether it intends to make representations to Morocco for the release of the Saharawi prisoners?

Does it intend to react to the harassment and dismissal of Saharawi NGO representatives after they agreed to be heard by Parliament's ad hoc delegation in February 2002?

Does it plan to speak out against the 10-year prison sentences handed down to Salec Bazaid, Moussamih Baba and Bourhil Mohamed Lamine on 12 March 2003?

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