

ORAL QUESTION H-0206/03

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pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Council

Subject: Provocative US contempt for treaties on chemical and biological weapons

Chemical and biological weapons represent an immense threat to humanity. The USA, the biggest producer and stockpiler of vast quantities of these weapons of mass destruction, refused in 2001 to sign the Geneva Treaty banning the manufacture, stockpiling and use of biological weapons.

The USA is currently carrying out a criminal and barbaric military assault on Iraq, with hundreds of casualties, on the pretext that Iraq has chemical and biological weapons in its possession. What is the Council's position in the face of this provocation and what steps will the Council take to confront the USA with its responsibility for its criminal acts and its obligation to respect international law, which that country is heinously and systematically violating with incalculable consequences for the whole of humanity?

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