

ORAL QUESTION H-0396/03
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: EU position on US actions against Cuba

In view of the declaration by the Presidency of 5 June 2003 and the démarche made in respect of the Cuban government on the same date, will the Council say why it continues to ignore the fact that those sentenced by the Cuban courts were paid US agents and why it refers to them as 'members of the Cuban opposition and ... independent journalists, being deprived of their freedom for having expressed freely their opinion'?

Why does it ignore the fact that those who were sentenced to death and executed were guilty of piracy which endangered the lives of hundreds of persons, including nationals of EU Member States?

How does it view the action taken by the US Interests Section in Havana headed by Mr Cason?

Why has it not made a single move to protest to the US administration about the continuing detention of the five Cuban patriots whose only action was to uncover plots against Cuba?

How does it view the fact that hijacked Cuban aircraft were auctioned off instead of being returned to Cuba and that the hijackers are at liberty in the USA?

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