

ORAL QUESTION H-0544/03
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Violation by the United States of the human rights of five Cuban citizens

Following a trial conducted without the minimum legal safeguards, the United States Government imprisoned five Cuban citizens resident in Florida (Gerardo Hernández, René González, Fernando González, Tony Guerrero and Ramón Labañino) whose task was to combat terrorism by the mafia groups that strike at Cuba and the Cuban people. In being held in solitary confinement and incommunicado and suffering ill-treatment they are being subjected to very harsh prison conditions that constitute a serious violation of the Convention on Human Rights.

Is the Council aware of this situation? Does it know that these persons have not been allowed to receive visits from their wives and young children for several years? Does it not consider that in persisting in its refusal to release them and return them to their country, and in continuing to deny them any contact with their families, the United States is in serious breach of the International Convention on Human Rights?

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