

ORAL QUESTION H-0623/03  
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 Commission

Subject: Criminalisation of trade union action

A wave of anti-trade union practices has recently re-emerged in Greece including the prosecution of trade unionists, strike action being prohibited or declared illegal and irregular, implementation of the unconstitutional law concerning the political mobilisation of strikers and the monitoring and filming of labour manifestations by plain clothes police officers.

A number of trade union leaders have received five-month prison sentences for the symbolic occupation of the Ministry of Employment, a regular occurrence in the course of protest actions, in this case against social insurance legislation being proposed by the Government. The legal proceedings were initiated by government officials.

Does the Commission consider that such practices constitute criminalisation of trade union action and that they run counter to proclamations concerning the right to strike and trade union freedoms?

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