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One of the most serious forms which violation of international law, human rights and democratic values can take is the extra-judicial execution and collective punishment of the relatives and neighbours of 'suspects'.

According to reports in the 'Guardian' newspaper the US government has begun to use these methods in Iraq, and, according to Reuters, also in neighbouring Syria. The USA is making use of death squads in Iraq and Syria which carry out extra-judicial executions. The USA imprisons the relations of 'suspects'. Saddam Hussein was also a keen user of both these methods. The USA has also begun to seal off Iraqi villages and towns with barriers and checkpoints in a manner reminiscent of occupied Gaza and the West Bank and annexed East Jerusalem.

What action does the Council propose to take with a view to making the USA cease these illegal extra-judicial executions?

What action does the Council propose to take with a view to making the USA cease these illegal collective punishments?

What type of sanctions can the Council envisage using if the USA chooses to continue with these extra-judicial executions?

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