

ORAL QUESTION H-0036/04
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2004
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Violation of human rights of Cuban citizens in the United States

The prison conditions under which five Cuban citizens are being held in the United States and the lack of direct contact with members of their families represent a flagrant breach of international law and a human rights violation by the United States Administration.

Does the Council not believe that the European Union should act to protect human rights, rather than evading responsibility by maintaining that such violations are a bilateral issue between Cuba and the United States? Will the Council take any action on this matter? Is the Irish Presidency aware of the failure of its Italian predecessor to respond to the questions tabled by the many Members concerned by this issue?

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