

ORAL QUESTION H-0061/04
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: Human rights violations by the United States affecting five illegally detained Cuban citizens

The inhuman prison conditions under which five Cuban citizens are being detained in the United States for crimes of which they are innocent, and the ban on any direct contact with their families, represent a flagrant violation of international law and basic human rights by the United States Government.

Will the Council take steps to ensure that the United States respect the human rights of the five prisoners, abandoning the essentially complicit approach it has so far adopted? Will the Irish Presidency address this serious problem, or will it avoid the issue like its Italian predecessor, which did not even deign to reply to similar questions by numerous Members?

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