

ORAL QUESTION H-0124/04  
for Question Time at the part-session in March I 2004  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
by John Cushnahan  
to the Council

Subject: Elections in Iran

Given the conclusions of the External Relations Council held in Brussels on 23 February 2004 concerning the recent parliamentary elections in Iran, when the Council 'expressed its deep regret and disappointment that large numbers of candidates were prevented from standing in this year's parliamentary elections... thus making a genuine democratic choice by the Iranian people impossible', would the Council agree that it is important to send a strong message to the Iranian authorities by suspending all further negotiations on the EC-Iran Trade and Cooperation Agreement, until Iran pursues a genuinely democratic path?

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