

ORAL QUESTION H-0862/05  
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2005  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Milan Gaľa  
to the Commission

Subject: Better access to adequate medical care for political prisoners in Cuba

Together with my colleagues from the PPE-DE Group, I recently symbolically adopted a political prisoner, Antonio Díaz Sánchez, who was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by the Cuban regime in March 2003. I am kept informed of his situation by representatives of the civic association Človek v ohrození ('People in Peril') and the Pontis Foundation in Slovakia. At the start of October, I received a letter from Mr Sánchez's wife, Gisela (a member of the 'Women in White' movement and nominated for the Andrei Sakharov Prize), in which she outlined the seriousness of her husband's state of health and stated that he is constantly refused medical care. Conditions in Cuba have not changed for a long time. Can the Commission indicate how we can intervene diplomatically to ensure that Mr Sánchez and others wrongfully imprisoned on account of their political convictions have better access to adequate medical care?

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