ORAL QUESTION H-0110/06 for Question Time at the part-session in March 2006 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Eoin Ryan to the Council

Subject: Ethiopian opposition figures

There are presently 131 senior opposition figures, including 10 elected members of the Ethiopian Parliament and including professors, judges and journalists, who are being detained in Ethiopia.

Can the Council state what measures it has taken to highlight these grave injustices with the Ethiopian Government in light of the fact that these detentions are in breach of international law, and taking into account that the European Union is the largest donor in the world of international aid to Ethiopia ?

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