ORAL QUESTION H-0123/07 for Question Time at the part-session in March 2007 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Marie Anne Isler Béguin to the Council

Subject: Agreement between the Government of Mali and the Tuareg

Following the Tuareg rebellion in Mali on 23 May 2006, an agreement known as the Algiers Agreement was signed on 4 July 2006 by the Malian Government and the Democratic Alliance of 23 May for Change with a view to resolving the conflict.

The agreement provides for a Forum for Development in North Mali to be held in the Kidal region, with the Tuareg participating.

The Government of Mali plans to hold the forum next March, but without the participation of the Democratic Alliance of 23 May for Change.

Since the European Union has been asked by the State of Mali to assist with the organisation of the forum, what does the European Council intend to do to ensure that the Tuareg take part in the forum and to encourage the development of the Kidal region?

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