

ORAL QUESTION H-0336/08
for Question Time at the part-session in May 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Unacceptable measures to suppress workers' protests in Egypt

Egyptian security forces have resorted to unacceptable measures to suppress mass public protests in the cities of Almahalla Alkobra, Alexandria and others. A number of people were killed, dozens injured and many workers - communists and other progressive activists - arrested. Workers and poor farmers took to the streets to demand better wages and working conditions, to put an end to profiteering and the scandalous increase in the prices of basic commodities.

Does the Council condemn the escalation of violence, the provocation and persecution of trade unionists, communists and other progressive forces in Egypt who have now been fighting for years against a system of bans and violation of every democratic right and freedom? Will it call for the immediate release of those arrested and the lifting of all the repressive measures taken in response to the just demands of the Egyptian workers?

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