

ORAL QUESTION H-0375/08/rev.1
for Question Time at the part-session in June 2008
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to the Council

Subject: Resolution of the conflicts in Mali and Niger

In Mali and Niger, the armed conflicts between the rebels and the authorities have resumed. In Mali, despite the Algiers Agreement of July 2006 and the mediation by Algeria and Libya, violence has escalated, with the murder of two Tuareg office-holders on 11 April 2008 and attacks on barracks, including those on 21 May 2008, causing the flight of civilians to neighbouring countries. In Niger, the background to the violence is the redistribution of income from uranium extraction by the French undertaking AREVA and the impact of its operations on health and the environment.

In connection with the Strategic Partnership between Africa and the European Union (agreement signed in Lisbon on 6 December 2007), will the Council propose mediation to help resolve the conflicts in these two countries?

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