

ORAL QUESTION H-0480/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Outcome of EU-Egypt subcommittee meeting on 'Political matters: human rights and democracy' on 2 and 3 June concerning Al-Manar

The EU-Egypt Action Plan commits Egypt to 'cooperate to combat all forms of discrimination, intolerance, racism and xenophobia and in particular hate or defamatory discourse based on religion, beliefs, race or origin'. Egypt's state-run satellite Nilesat continues to broadcast into Europe Hezbollah's satellite channel Al-Manar, thus allowing hate and terrorist messages to reach Europe. The Commission in its reply to question H-0246/08<sup>1</sup> pointed out that the subcommittee on 'Political Matters: human rights and democracy' is the appropriate mechanism for raising issues related to the fight against racism and xenophobia. The subcommittee met on 2 and 3 June in Brussels.

Can the Commission outline whether and how Al-Manar was raised, and what actions have been agreed with Egypt in relation to Al-Manar and Egypt's commitments to the provisions 'Fight against discrimination, intolerance, racism and intolerance' of the EU-Egypt Action Plan?

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<sup>1</sup> Written answer, 22.4.2008.