

ORAL QUESTION H-0607/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in September I 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Council

Subject: Crimes committed by private mercenary troops

The American imperialists and their allies have concluded major contracts for mercenary troops, such as those provided by Blackwater, which are occupying Iraq and other countries, carrying out deadly attacks on the unarmed populace and as well as engaging in drugs trafficking and other illegal activities. Recourse to mercenary troops is a deeply reactionary tactic and it is the people who pay the price. On the pretext of combating organised crime they assist in the killing of leading politicians and trade unionists and are generally hostile to working class movements, not only in Iraq, where their brutality has become a byword, but also in Afghanistan, Latin America and other areas, where they operate with state-of-the-art heavy weaponry furnished by the arms industry acting mainly on instructions from civilian governments.

Does the Council condemn the criminal activities of Blackwater and other private mercenary troops and does it call for their abolition?

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