ORAL QUESTION H-0798/08 for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Luis Yañez-Barnuevo García to the Council

Subject: Opening of dialogue in Cuba

The Council Conclusions on Cuba of 23 June 2008 have been very well received in Cuban democratic circles, which appreciate the fact that the unconditional release of all political prisoners is a key priority for the EU and that it supports respect for human rights and genuine progress towards a pluralist democracy.

In line with the commitments the Council made in its Conclusions, can it indicate what effective measures it is taking to further develop dialogue with the representatives of civil society and the democratic opposition?

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