ORAL QUESTION H-0949/08 for Question Time at the part-session in December 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Konstantinos Droutsas to the Council

Subject: Continuation of Israeli crimes against the Palestinians

On 5 November, Israel destroyed five Palestinian homes in east Jerusalem because, according to the Israeli authorities, they had been built without authorisation. The Israeli human rights organisation, B'Tselem, reports that the Israeli authorities have destroyed 350 Palestinian houses in east Jerusalem since 2004.

At the same time, the criminal Israeli embargo against the Palestinian people, the killing and unlawful arrest of thousands of Palestinians, including children, continue. An average of 700 children a year are reportedly arrested by the Israeli occupation forces.

These operations by the Israeli occupation forces are a brutal violation of the fundamental rights of the Palestinians and a flagrant breach of international law.

Does the Council condemn the criminal actions of the Israeli army of occupation against the Palestinian people?

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