

ORAL QUESTION H-1030/08
for Question Time at the part-session in January 2009
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Workers in Mexico victims of lack of accountability of monopoly concern

Around three years ago on 19 February 2006, a major industrial disaster caused by a gas explosion at the Pasta de Conchos Mine in Mexico belonging to the 'Industrial Minera Mexico' Company claimed the lives of 65 miners. The remains of only two of them have been recovered while the others remain buried. Their employers and the authorities are refusing to allow their recovery, since this would reveal persistent infringements by the company of all safety regulations. Prior to the accident many employees had already expressed fears regarding a major risk of explosion because of gas leaks. The relatives of the victims, finally tired of waiting, have decided to collect the necessary funds to recover the bodies themselves.

What view does the Council take of the arbitrary decision by the national authorities to accept a blatant cover up of the irresponsible behaviour of the company in question?

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