

ORAL QUESTION O-0007/00
pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: China

In recent years the Council has taken the view that the results of the EU-China human rights dialogue were so encouraging that the EU would not seek to achieve a resolution on China in Geneva. At the same time it has stressed, however, that the door would be left open for future resolutions, in case China did not take part in the dialogue in good faith and no results were produced.

- Is the Council happy with the development of the human rights situation in China?
- What purpose does the meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission serve if some countries (i.e. those with big potential markets) are exempted from criticism?
- What is the Council's position on China in view of the 56th meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva in March? Has it had any contacts with the United States on the possibility of co-sponsoring a resolution in Geneva?

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