

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0057/03

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Council

Subject: EU and combating torture

Welcoming the EU commitment to the fight against torture, as expressed by the adoption of the EU Guidelines on torture of April 2001, how will the Council ensure coherence between these Guidelines and the concrete implementation of EU policy against torture, particularly via the EIDHR?

In light of the concrete implementation of the May 2001 Communication of the Commission emphasising the necessity of preventing torture, how will the Council ensure that this will not be pursued to the detriment of rehabilitation activities, and that there will be sufficient funds available for both aspects of the fight against torture?

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