

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0017/08

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

by Raül Romeva i Rueda, Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg, Cem Özdemir, Jean Lambert and Margrete Auken, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Ana Maria Gomes  
to the Council

Subject: New evidence of EU Member States involved in CIA renditions to Guantanamo

A recent report, 'Journey of Death', released by the NGO Reprieve, UK, reveals that Portuguese territory and airspace were used between 2002 and 2006 to transfer over 700 prisoners to torture and illegal imprisonment in Guantanamo Bay. This report was compiled by comparing flight logs produced by Portuguese authorities, information from the US Department of Defence showing dates of arrival of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, and unclassified testimony from many of the prisoners themselves.

Moreover, the Danish Government has been aware since 2005 that Danish airspace and airports were used by the CIA for transportation of prisoners.

Taking into account these new revelations, what measures does the Council intend to take?

Will the Council request that Portugal and Denmark hold an in-depth and public inquiry to fully investigate these breaches of international law?

Tabled: 15.02.2008

Forwarded: 18.02.2008

Deadline for reply: 10.03.2008