

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3092/03
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to the Council

Subject: Basque Country's recognition through repression

In my Written Question E-0644/03¹ dated 24 February, I refer to the 634 politically motivated people who were arrested during the year 2002 in the Basque Country.

On 8 October, early in the morning, 34 people were arrested by the Spanish and French police on both sides of the border that divides our country, that represents our internal iron curtain. Let me recall that Germany was able to commemorate last week the 13th anniversary of its reunification, while the Basque Country remains torn to pieces: no recognition at all in the northern part under French rule, and two separate administrations under the Spanish Kingdom.

As those detainees all over the country indicate, can the Basque Country be recognised only through repression?

Could the Council adopt a proposal for a Community action plan to guarantee the Basque people the right to exist?

¹ OJ C 222 E, 18.9.2003, p. 223.