

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2601/08
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to the Commission

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 Commission intend to take?

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

Can the Commission report back to the Parliament on the answers to its letter of 23 July 2007 to the Polish and Romanian Governments requesting detailed information about the outcome of the inquiries which took place in both countries?

Can the Commission report back to the Parliament about the results of the questionnaire sent to all EU Member States on their respective counter-terrorism measures?