

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0343/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Health care in Zimbabwe

The international health rights organisation, Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), has urged that Zimbabwe's health care system (including water, sanitation, etc.) be placed under international receivership. According to PHR Chief Executive Frank Donaghue, public hospitals in Zimbabwe no longer have water and drugs at their disposal. Health-care workers are often unable to go to work as they cannot find transport. The Chief Executive deems it necessary for the United Nations to take over the health system in Zimbabwe as that will be the only way to stop the ongoing cholera epidemic that has already cost the lives of 1700 people in Zimbabwe.

Will the Commission consider presenting and defending this idea at UN level?