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EU report on the trial of Ethiopian prisoners of conscience

The EU Commission has assured the European Parliament that the report(s) on the trial of Ethiopian prisoners of conscience, which were drafted by the EU observers Mr Michael Ellman and Mr Roger Briottet, would be made public upon completion of the trial (see Commission's answer of 16 April 2007 in response to an EP written question (P-0790/07) submitted by MEP Ana Gomes, on 9 February 2007).

In July 2007, the accused were sentenced to life imprisonment and deprivation of political rights and to other prison terms but were subsequently pardoned. On 20 July 2007, 38 prisoners of conscience were released.

In view of these developments, can the Commission provide the EP with the report(s) that the observers on behalf of the EU wrote in regard to this trial?