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EU report(s) on the trial of Ethiopian prisoners of conscience

In July 2007, a group of Ethiopian political prisoners were sentenced to life imprisonment, deprivation of political rights and other prison terms. After being pardoned, 38 prisoners of conscience were released, on 20 July 2007.

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

In a subsequent answer (dated 28 February 2008, in response to EP Written Question P-0433/08, submitted by MEP Ana Gomes on 30 January 2008), the Commission states that this request should be addressed to the Presidency of the Council.

Can the Council share with the EP the report(s) that the EU observers drew up on this trial?

Answer:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=P-2008-1552&language=EN>