

It has come to the Commission's attention that, since August 2000, Switzerland has granted visa exemptions to foreign nationals holding a residence permit issued by a Member State, and it does not rule out a reciprocal measure being taken in the medium term.

It should also be noted that existing law, and in particular the Common Consular Instructions⁽¹⁾, allows Member States to issue visas to foreign nationals resident in Switzerland in ways which do not constitute an excessive obstacle to travel.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 239, 22.9.2000.

(2002/C 229 E/118)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0559/02
by Glyn Ford (PSE) to the Council

(4 March 2002)

Subject: Algeria and human rights

How will the Council ensure that the assessment of the human rights situation in Algeria and compliance with Article 2 of the Association Agreement, when ratified, will become a separate agenda item at all meetings held under the Agreement?

(2002/C 229 E/119)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0561/02
by Glenys Kinnock (PSE) and Michael Cashman (PSE) to the Council

(4 March 2002)

Subject: Human rights in Algeria

Would the Council outline how it intends to ensure that an assessment of the human rights situation in Algeria, and an assessment of that country's compliance with the human rights article of the new EU-Algeria Association Agreement, will be a separate agenda item at all future meetings held under the Association Agreement, and especially at all Association Council meetings?

Joint answer
to Written Questions E-0559/02 and E-0561

(26 June 2002)

The Council, in accordance with the established practice in its political dialogues, and for as long as necessary, will put questions concerning the respect for human rights on the agenda for the political dialogue with Algeria, and on that for the Association Council.

(2002/C 229 E/120)

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0560/02
by Glyn Ford (PSE) to the Commission

(28 February 2002)

Subject: Human rights in Burma

Has the Commission made representations to the Burmese Government about the detention and possible torture of Dr Salai Tun Than at Insein prison in Rangoon? If it has not, does it intend to do so?