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In Case T-47/03

Jose Maria Sison**against**

Council of the European Union
Interveners:
Kingdom of the Netherlands
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Negotiating Panel of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines

the Registrar of the Court of First Instance notifies you that the public hearing of the Second Chamber for the oral procedure has been set down for

Tuesday, 30 May 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

in the courtroom of the Court of First Instance, Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

Furthermore, the Registrar encloses questions put by the Court (reg n°294105).

The representatives of the parties will be received by the members of the Chamber prior to the commencement of the hearing. It would therefore be useful if you could ensure that you are in the courtroom a few minutes before the time set down above.

Your attention is drawn to the note which is intended to serve as a guide for Counsel for the parties at hearings before the Court of First Instance and explains in particular the purpose of the oral proceedings which can be found on the Court's internet site (<http://www.curia.eu.int>).

The representatives of the parties are requested to limit the length of their oral submissions to **15 minutes** (10 minutes for each of the interveners). If it appears necessary, a request for a derogation from this rule may be submitted to the Registrar at least 15 days before the date of the hearing. This request must be supported by full reasons for the request and must state the length of pleading time required.

Should you be unable to attend the hearing and therefore intend that another person attend in your place, you are requested to inform the Registry of the Court and to ensure that a Power of Attorney signed by you and, if necessary, that a Practising Certificate for your replacement are lodged before the hearing.

The Report for the Hearing will be forwarded at a later date.



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Questions to the Netherlands and the Council to be answered at the hearing in Case T-47/03:

1. The Netherlands are requested to update and complete the information contained in the written response of 8 October 2002 given by J. De Hoop Scheffer, Minister for Foreign Affairs at that time, to a parliamentary question raised on 16 August 2002 (Appendix 26 to the application).

In particular, the Netherlands are requested to indicate whether a decision of any kind was made by a competent Netherlands authority to instigate investigations or prosecution for a terrorist act, for the purposes of Article 1(4) of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP and Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001, based on serious and credible evidence with regard to Mr Sison between 11 December 1997 (the date of the decision of the Arrondissementsrechtbank te 's Gravenhage, Sector Bestuursrecht, Rechtseenheidskamer Vreemdelingenzaken, joined in Annexes 1 and 2 to the defence) and the date of the Netherlands' response to the question put by the Court of First Instance.

The Netherlands are requested to identify any such decision(s), state which national authority/authorities made it or them and, unless overriding reasons of national security stand in the way, provide a copy to the Court of First Instance.

2. If Question 1 is answered in the affirmative, the Council is requested to state whether, and if so to what extent, it took the decision(s) at issue into account when adopting any of the acts (common positions and decisions) which successively updated the lists laid down in Common Position 2001/931 and Regulation No 2580/2001 respectively.

3. In point 13 of his application Mr Sison states that 'recently, the administration of Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has embarked on a campaign to persecute and criminalise [him] by belatedly filing baseless criminal charges against him'.

The Council is requested to indicate whether, and if so to what extent, it took into account those criminal charges, or any other investigations or prosecution brought against Mr Sison at a later stage in the Philippines as decisions within the meaning of Article 1(4) of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP and Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 when it was adopting any of the acts (common positions and decisions) which successively updated the lists laid down in the Common Position and Regulation respectively.