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Current affairs debate: alleged secret detentions in Council of Europe member states

The following text was submitted for inclusion in the official report by a member who was present in the Chamber but was prevented by lack of time from delivering it.

Mr ARNAUT (*Portugal*). – Although I agree with the initiative of the Council of Europe, it is important to think over the way this matter has been openly handled. We all know that the media coverage is very tempting, but the media cannot this investigation and we should not be used by them within the scope of the Council of Europe. We have only a pre-report so far which includes just a paper on this subject and the chronology of facts and specification of the actions taken. On the CIA secret detentions in Poland and Romania or in some other country, the report says that there are only some signs based on sources and there are no decisive elements on the existence of detention camps in Europe. We must not place the Council of Europe in the position of being a court and no hasty judgement should be made without a vote in the Council of Europe. In the case of doubts, an investigation should be conducted in public with no sporadic or casuistic declarations, so that the investigation is not prejudiced and the Council of Europe, its image and its international credibility are not harmed.