

Statement by the Foreign Ministers on the Situation in Spain (Luxembourg, 6 October 1975)

Caption: On 6 October 1975, the nine Foreign Ministers of the European Economic Community express their concern over the political situation in Spain.

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The Ministers recall that the rights of man constitute the common heritage of the peoples of Europe. The Ministers therefore reiterated their condemnation of the recent executions, carried out after proceedings violating the principles of the rule of Law and in particular the rights of the defence.

They deeply regretted that the approaches made on humanitarian grounds, both individually and collectively, met with no response.

It is their most ardent wish that Spain, whose peoples are linked with the peoples of the Community by so many ties, may be spared a process of escalating violence.

It is the Ministers' desire that a democratic Spain might take its place in the assembly of European nations.