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ECHE - THE MAZE CASE

Line to Take (if asked)

The Government welcomes the news that the substantial part of this application has been declared inadmissible. I cannot comment further (particularly about the two aspects which the Commission reserved for further consideration) until the Commission's written partial Decision has arrived.

(Unattributably) We do not know the detail of the Commission's decision but we understand that all the complaints directly related to the aims and effects of the protest have been thrown out. In particular, the Commission has rejected allegations of breaches of Article 3 (which forbids torture and inhuman or degrading treatment) and has not accepted the applicants' argument that they deserve some form of special status.