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Hautala (Verts/ALE). * Arvoisa puhemies, minulla on teille ilmoitus, joka koskee kollegaani Caroline Lucasia. Hänet pidätettiin tänään kello 9.30, kun hän oli Skotlannissa osallistuessaan ydinasetukikohdan vastaiseen mielenosoitukseen. Hän perusteli tätä osallistumistaan sillä, että monet viimeaikaiset tuomiot ovat todenneet, että tällaiset joukkotuhoukset ovat kansainvälisen oikeuden vastaisia. Euroopan parlamentin jäsentähän ei pitäisi voida pidättää, kun hän on matkalla parlamentin istuntoon, ja me pyydämme, että te ryhdytty tässä asiassa toimenpiteisiin. Itse asiassa edustajan koskemattomuus voidaan pidättää vain sen jälkeen, kun parlamentti on käynyt tällaisesta asiasta keskustelua ja jos tästä nyt keskusteltaisiin, parlamentti joutuisi ensimmäistä kertaa keskustelemaan siitä, ovatko ydinaset kansainvälisen oikeuden vastaisia.

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La Présidente. - Madame Hautala, je puis vous assurer que nous allons suivre la situation de cette collègue de très près.

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Heaton-Harris (PPE-DE). - Madam President, I rise following Mrs Hautala's statement about Mrs Lucas being imprisoned on her way to the part-session here today. It seems strange to me that she was imprisoned on her way here because she represents the South East of England and was arrested five or six hundred miles further north. Maybe, instead of telling the UK Government whom they can arrest and why, the parliamentary authorities could send her a map of the UK and some advice from our travel services as well.

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Balfe (PSE). - Madam President, being consistent and on the same matter I wish to point out that the British Government is absolutely even-handed in its arrest policy. It also arrested a couple of members of the House of Commons, a few members of the Scottish Executive and various others who were actually breaking the law, which is generally the reason you get arrested in the United Kingdom! We were according equal rights to Euro-parliamentarians by arresting them along with all the others. May they be kept locked up for a suitable period of time to deter them from being so stupid in the future!

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MacCormick (Verts/ALE). - Madam President, I protest against the rather intemperate remarks of Mr Balfe. There is no power under Scottish law to keep people locked up just as long as it suits you. The arrests that took place at Faslane today were in accordance with the law, and I do not doubt that the persons concerned will be speedily released. It is very important that my colleague, Mrs Lucas, should have the opportunity in this House to raise the issue of whether her immunity extends to this case, given that there is serious doubt - already raised and tested in the Scottish courts - about the lawfulness of the nuclear weapons kept on Scottish soil.

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Morgantini (GUE/NGL). - Signora Presidente, non so se rientra nelle regole del dibattito ma io sento il dovere morale, soprattutto dopo l'intervento dell'onorevole Balfe, di esprimere la mia solidarietà a Caroline Lucas per il lavoro che ha fatto. Caroline Lucas forse ha contravvenuto alla legge, ma io credo che ci sia il diritto alla disobbedienza, soprattutto perché Caroline Lucas non è andata a fare una gita ma è andata a manifestare contro le armi nucleari, che sono negative e pericolose per tutti noi. Grazie a Caroline Lucas e alle altre donne che sono state arrestate! A loro va la mia solidarietà.

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