

*Wednesday, 16 February 2011*

*Debate:*

*Pino Arlacchi (S&D)* - Mr President, the tragic outcome of the Egyptian transition to democracy has been described. It has been said that it was inevitable that Islamic fundamentalists would take over power democratically, and so on and so on.

Do you not think that this picture is catastrophic, and wrong? Why do we not take into account the fact that the reasons for Islamic fundamentalism and terrorism in the Middle East are strongly linked to tyrannical governments, and that there is now an opportunity for democratic regimes to reduce both?

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