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- There exist deep concerns regarding the issue of summary executions. In 2007, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions drew attention to reports received concerning several incidents of such summary executions allegedly carried out by security forces during 2005 (para. 23 of the OHCHR compilation A/HRC/WG.6/6/ETH/2, referring to A/HRC/4/20/Add. 1, p. 124). Which measures has the Government of Ethiopia taken to conduct a full and independent inquiry into these allegations and to prevent further human rights violations of this kind?

- There have been numerous worrying reports relating to the arrests of trade unionists. In 2009, the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations expressed deep concern over the failure of the Government to conduct a full and independent inquiry into the allegations made relating to arrests of trade unionists, their torture and mistreatment while in detention, and continuing intimidation and interference (para. 25 of the compilation A/HRC/WG.6/6/ETH/2, referring to ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, Individual Observation concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87), 2009, Geneva. doc. No. (ILOLEX) 062009ETH087, second paragraph). The Federal Republic of Germany would like to know how Ethiopia has responded to address these concerns.

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