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On police brutality in the United States of America

Mr. Chairperson,

Disturbing information has appeared in the media regarding the latest killing of a black youth by a police officer on 8 October in St. Louis, Missouri. During the checking of Vonderrit Myers's documents, a police officer returning from work shot 17 bullets at the youth, supposedly in response to an attempt by the suspect to pull out a gun.

This tragic incident is already the fourth killing of an Afro-American by the police in Missouri in the last two months. In reaction to this event, there were mass protest demonstrations last weekend in several cities of Missouri. Protesters have come from a number of states to call for an end to persecution on racial grounds and for an investigation of the actions of the law enforcement bodies.

In this connection, we would ask our United States colleague to explain to us the essential aspects of this tragic incident and the measures being taken to investigate the killing of Vonderrit Myers.

Thank you for your attention.