Question for written answer E-010096/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Glenis Willmott (S&D)

Subject: Mutual assistance for tax recovery

Under EU Directive 2010/24/EU concerning mutual assistance for the recovery of claims relating to taxes, duties and other measures, a Member State is obliged to assist in the recovery of unpaid taxes if a request is received from the Member State where the tax is owed. The directive helps to ensure that freedom of movement does not make it harder for Member States to collect taxes owed to them.

However, where the debtor is not fluent in the language of the country in which they are residing, it can be difficult to get information about the tax that is being collected from them. In cases where tax may be being collected in error, this can make it difficult to resolve problems and can lead to unnecessary distress for the debtor.

Given the above, does the Commission have any plans to establish a single contact point for mutual tax recovery assistance, in order to ensure that debtors can access information in their own language and in a timely manner?

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