

Question for written answer E-003923/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Visas

I have received a complaint from a constituent who is having trouble obtaining a French Schengen visa for his partner. My constituent's partner is a Philippines national with residency status in Macau, who has been granted a UK visa but has been denied a Schengen visa by the French consulate. My constituent runs two UK-registered companies and is frequently required to attend business commitments in other Member States. My constituent claims that denying his partner the possibility to travel with him is contrary to the principle of free movement. My constituent claims that, during the application process, there were a number of discrepancies in the evaluation of the application which led to the visa being unfairly refused. He complains, furthermore, of the lack of transparency and clarity in the appeals process.

Can the Commission confirm the status of third-country spouses of EU nationals in relation to the granting of Schengen area visas and the principle of freedom of movement, and clarify the obligations and responsibilities of Member States in terms of the application and appeals process?