Question for written answer E-005579/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Ramón Jáuregui Atondo (S&D)

Subject: Greater transparency and accessibility of EU information

Access to information is a right recognised in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In turn, Articles 41 and 42 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights recognises the right to good administration and the right of access to documents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission. However, there is no general law on administrative procedure at a Community level which is common to all institutions and which clearly determines the rights of European citizens in their relations with Community institutions and bodies. Moreover, there is no law guaranteeing minimum terms for accessing information independent of the Member State to which the request is made.

Does the Commission believe that it would be possible to create European legislation on an administrative procedure which would be common to all the institutions providing the information?

A review is currently pending of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. Can the Commission advise the current state of affairs with regard to this review?

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