Question for written answer E-013753/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Cases of assault at driving schools in the EU - Directive 2006/126/EC

Directive 2006/126/EC standardising existing rules on driving licences in the EU Member States came into force in 2013. The Spanish authorities responsible for road traffic complied with this new directive by drawing up legislation making it obligatory for driving test examiners to inform students as soon as the driving test has finished whether or not they have passed.

Associations for driving test examiners report a worrying rise, caused by this reform, in instances of examiners being attacked, both physically and verbally, once students realise they will have to pay once more for practical classes and the driving test fee. In Spain, this state of affairs has led to the sector calling an indefinite strike, starting on 14 September 2015.

Similar situations exist in other EU countries. However in France, for instance, the test results are sent by post or over the Internet, to prevent such assaults.

Is the Commission aware this is happening?

Does the Commission plan to adopt measures to stop situations of this kind occurring in the future?

Would the Commission not agree that this aspect of the legislation needs to be harmonised?

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