

**Question for written answer E-006777/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Failure to implement the European Parliament's resolution on European conscience and totalitarianism

Parliament's 2009 resolution on European conscience and totalitarianism called on the EU to keep alive the memory of Europe's tragic past, honour the victims, condemn the perpetrators and lay the foundations for reconciliation based on truth. On 22 October 2009, Slovenia's National Assembly adopted a declaration noting that it had been informed of the resolution while not expressing its support for it, and as a consequence Slovenia is not implementing the resolution. I have pointed this out to the Commission and proposed that it take action (E-003489-15).

In Slovenia, the criminal totalitarian communist regime continues to be glorified: educational institutions participate in its revival and in the falsification of history, with students dressing up for events in uniforms typical of the period of the dictator Josip Broz Tito. The use of communist symbols denies and lessens the significance of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and children are thus being presented with a false view of history.

In light of the above:

1. In Slovenia, victims of communism and their relatives have been waiting seven years for the National Assembly to support the resolution and its implementation. Does the Commission believe that after so much time it is still appropriate for this decision to be left to the Member States?
2. How could the Commission help to ensure strict compliance with the resolution in all Member States, especially with regard to the education of children?
3. To what extent is the 'Europe for Citizens' programme intended to teach people about the totalitarian communist regimes?