

**Question for written answer E-005768/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Morten Messerschmidt (ECR)**

Subject: Restitution of Danish art treasures from Sweden

During the Swedish Wars of 1658-59 in particular, Sweden plundered a large number of civilian cultural treasures from Denmark and took them to Sweden, where they are still to be found. These Danish cultural treasures form an inestimable part of Denmark's history, soul and identity, and therefore rightfully belong to Denmark.

The UN has rules on the restitution of civilian spoils of war, but Sweden is the only EU country which does not comply with these rules.

Can the Commission state what opportunities are open to Denmark, as an EU Member State, to pursue claims vis-à-vis Sweden for the restitution of art treasures?