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to the Commission**

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Subject: UK government requirement for non-national EU citizens to register residence

Article 26 of Directive 2004/38/EC states that Member States can make it a requirement for non-nationals to carry a residence card only if this requirement also applies to their own nationals. However, on 17 October 2017, the UK Home Secretary Amber Rudd announced that, as of the end of 2018, non-UK EU citizens would need to start registering with the Home Office for 'settled status'.

Mrs Rudd also said that EU citizens who fail criminal records checks may have their 'settled status' application rejected. Article 7 of the Freedom of Movement Directive clearly states the necessary areas of compliance for an EU citizen to reside in a Member State and having a clean criminal record is not one of them.

Is the UK contradicting freedom of movement rules by requiring non-UK EU citizens to register, while UK citizens (who are still EU citizens) will not need to register?

If these proposals go beyond the provisions of EU law, will the Commission publicly condemn these actions by a Member State and ensure freedom of movement rules are properly enforced?

Can the Commission confirm that the introduction of systematic criminal record checks as part of a registration system for EU nationals is in breach of EU law?