

**Question for written answer P-007339/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Passports

In the light in particular of the resolution of the representatives of the governments of the Member States of the European Communities, meeting with the Council of 23 June 1981¹, please could the Commission explain:

1. What legal and other flexibilities are available to Member States regarding passport design, including regarding the issue of colour of passports?
2. The security, economic, technological, free movement and community cohesion benefits and rationale for common standards and approaches regarding biometric passports of EU Member States.

¹ OJ C 241, 19.9.1981, p. 1,