

**Question for written answer P-000274/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea (ALDE)

Subject: Discriminatory measures against EU workers in the UK

The British Government's Minister for Immigration, Robert Goodwill, last week proposed a fine of EUR 1 150 per year for companies employing highly skilled workers from continental Europe. This fine will be levied as early as April this year for workers from outside the European Economic Area.

This clearly constitutes discrimination on the basis of nationality against workers from other Member States, who account for 15% of the UK workforce, and, as such, a breach of the Treaties (Article 2 of the TEU and Article 45 of the TFEU).

In view of the Commission's role as guardian of the Treaties and its participation in the Brexit negotiations, and given that the UK is still subject to the Treaties until such time as it has fully withdrawn from the European Union – as the Commission itself states in its answer to written question E-005791/2016:

1. What view does the Commission take of the British immigration minister's proposal?
2. In the event that similar measures are introduced before the UK has definitely left the EU, what will the Commission do to ensure compliance with the Treaties guaranteeing the free movement of workers?
3. What position will it advocate in the negotiations concerning barriers to the recruitment of EU workers by UK companies?