

- **Petition 1416/2007 by Mr Roland Blomeyer (German), on discrimination of EU citizens as result of the new Spanish legislation on EU citizens residing in Spain**

The petitioner argues that the new Spanish legislation concerning EU citizens residing in Spain (Real Decreto 240/2007) would be discriminatory towards EU citizens and, therefore, in breach of Article 12 of the EC Treaty and of Directive 2004/38/EC. The petitioner maintains that, under the new law, the EU citizens residing in Spain have to apply for a registration certificate, an A4-type document which, unlike the former Spanish residence card, does not include any photo, signature or finger print of the holder. The petitioner explains that the practical consequence of this change is that EU citizens residing in Spain are required to carry their passports at all moments in order to identify themselves. The petitioner considers that EU citizens residing in Spain should enjoy the benefits associated with the electronic residence card issued for Spanish nationals and asks the European Parliament to take the necessary steps to put an end to this discriminatory treatment.

Recommendations

- Declare admissible;
- Ask the Commission for information.