

**Petition 0023/2009 by Simon Collyer (British), on behalf of Justice Organisation, on fair treatment of unemployed persons**

The petitioner is campaigning for the classification of the unemployed as a 'group' with group rights. According to the petitioner, unemployed persons are usually exposed to prejudices and are regarded as undesirable. He suggests that the UK Government take measures to ensure the protection of the unemployed, especially in respect to access to housing. He also pleads for setting up a travel bank which should provide travel and accommodation loans to people starting a new job. The petitioner also advertises ShiftShack.com - an online service facilitating the link between employers and employees. He believes that the European Union might be interested in supporting these initiatives.

**Recommendations**

- Declare admissible
- Refer to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment for an opinion regarding the feasibility of such a proposal.