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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Subject: Petition No 1958/2013 by José Sánchez Fernández (Spanish) on checks on an EU citizen at the French-Andorran border

1. Summary of petition

The petition expresses the view that the French border authorities take an overzealous, heavy-handed attitude to EU citizens seeking to cross from Andorra into France. The petitioner is a Spanish national who believes himself to be discriminated against when attempting to enter France by car via the Pas de la Casa border post. French-registered cars, by contrast, do not even have to stop. The petition contains a very detailed account of the checks on the petitioner's car and other incidents.

2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 17 July 2014. Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

3. Commission reply, received on 30 January 2015

The petitioner complains about a lengthy control of his car by French police officers operating at the border between Andorra and France.

The principality of Andorra is not a member of the European Union and the principle of free movement is not applicable to the circumstances of the petition.

Conclusion

The Commission cannot establish any restriction in relation to free movement in the circumstances of the petition, as this principle is not applicable in Andorra nor at its borders with France.