

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1650/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Rules on the right of residence in the EU of spouses from non-member States
(applicant countries)

It is well known that under the German law on foreign nationals, when permission is granted for spouses who are nationals of non-member States to stay in Germany, there are restrictions and time limits which must be observed if the marriage breaks down. In many cases the spouse would have to leave Germany and would have no individual entitlement to stay. In this connection the question arises whether the beginning of accession negotiations with countries such as Poland and Hungary, which may join the EU in the foreseeable future, has already brought about an improvement in the situation of spouses from these applicant countries.