

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3675/00  
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to the Commission

Subject: Special scheme for access to Portuguese universities for the families of EU officials

In its answer to my Written Question, No. E-2898/98<sup>1</sup>, the Commission stated on 30 November 1998 that pursuant to an amendment to the law (1998) there is no longer any special preferential scheme for access to Portuguese universities for the families of EU officials.

Is it true that this legal situation has been changed once more to the detriment of school-leavers from the European School who do not have a parent employed by the European Union? If so, in the light of the principle of equal opportunities laid down in European law, what is the Commission's opinion with regard to this situation as it affects both the Portuguese citizens who are the victims of this discrimination and school-leavers from the European School who are nationals of other EU Member States?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 135, 14.5.1999, p. 135