WRITTEN QUESTION E-1250/02 by Werner Langen (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Border charges payable by Romanian nationals

Romanian nationals who wish to visit relatives living in Germany say that they are required to pay EUR 500 at the border in order to obtain exit visas for limited periods.

1. Is the Commission aware of these swingeing border charges on Romanian nationals?

2. What view does the Commission take of these exit-visa fees?

3. What will the Commission do to make it possible for Romanian nationals to visit relatives without having to make such payments?