WRITTEN QUESTION E-0068/04 by Miet Smet (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: International Convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families

To date, not a single one of the 15 current Member States nor any of the ten future Member States of the European Union has signed the International Convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families, which was adopted at the 45th session of the UN General Assembly on 18 December 1990 and entered into force on 1 July 2003.

What is the Commission position on the Convention referred to above?

1. To what extent is the Convention in line with the policy pursued by the EU and the policy objectives established?

2. On what issues is the Convention not in line with the policy pursued by the EU and the policy objectives established?

3. From the European point of view, are there any serious objections to the signing of the Convention by a Member State of the Union?