

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0725/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Accession of Latvia

Latvia will join the EU on 1 May 2004. As the Commission is aware, the population of Latvia is made up of several ethnic groups, including Russians. The *acquis communautaire*, pursuant to which Latvian legislation may not contain discriminatory provisions, will come into force in Latvia on its accession to the EU.

1. Do national provisions still exist which discriminate against individual ethnic groups, for example with regard to freedom to travel?
2. If so, what action is the Commission taking?