

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1392/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Violation of political freedoms in Belgium: judgment against the Vlaams Blok

On 21 April 2004 the Court of Appeal of Ghent handed down a judgment against the Vlaams Blok, the pro-independence Flemish party, invoking Belgian anti-discrimination law.

The Vlaams Blok is the biggest parliamentary opposition party in Belgium, and has always and in good faith accepted the rules of democratic and parliamentary politics.

Is the Commission aware of this fact?

Does the Commission not believe this judgment to be a clear breach of the fundamental principles of freedom of expression and political organisation that lie at the basis of the legal systems of the EU and of Western democracies?