

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0679/05
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to the Council

Subject: Combating discrimination - recognition of the Roma

No one would deny that the Roma, who historically originate from northern India and whose language is close to Sanskrit are, despite being divided into various sub-groups, one people numbering at least seven to nine million members who live quasi-established within the European Union but in social and public health conditions verging on exclusion and in the utmost insecurity.

The Roma people, who are currently an invisible European nation, deserve official recognition and help to this end this discrimination.

What, therefore, will the Council do to end this unacceptable discrimination, at the beginning of the 21st Century, against a people that suffered enormously at the hands of Nazi Germany and following deportation to camps, where a great many Roma were gassed.