

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1984/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Change in the status of Mayotte

Mayotte currently enjoys the status of an overseas country and territory (OCT) associated to the EU. It is now hoping to become fully integrated into the Union as an outermost region, which would entail an amendment having to be made to the scope of Article 299(2) of the EC Treaty.

The Draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe includes a 'bridging clause' facilitating migration from the former to the latter status. The difficulties encountered in terms of ratification of the Constitution by the Member States nevertheless raise some doubts as to its application.

In these circumstances, what suggestions does the Commission have for making amendment of Article 299(2) possible within a reasonable timescale, thereby enabling Mayotte to acquire the status of outermost region?