

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3462/06  
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to the Council

Subject:           Expulsion of Irene van den Broek

Is the Council aware that Irene van den Broek, chair of the Dutch national students' union LSVb (Landelijke Studentenvakbond), was denied entry to the Russian Federation on 11 July?

Is the Council prepared to ask the Russian authorities on what grounds entry was refused and to inform the European Parliament of the reply?

Does the Council agree with me that it would certainly be unacceptable if Russia has refused entry to Irene van den Broek because of her activities in support of the democratisation of Belarus in the context of the Mission to Minsk movement?

Can the Council confirm, inter alia against the background of the recent agreements on visa facilities, that students such as Irene van den Broek should be granted immediate entry to the Russian Federation, and can it say what action can be taken to prevent any repetition?

Is the Council also prepared to bring up this matter via channels such as the G8?