

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5014/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Commission's position on the 'Moldovan' language being made the official state language

The fact that the inhabitants of the Republic of Moldova speak Romanian is scientifically attested and reflects certain age-old historic realities. Renaming the Romanian language 'Moldovan' would be just as ridiculous as renaming the English language 'United States American' or the French language 'Belgian' in Belgium and 'Luxembourgish' or 'Canadian' in Luxembourg or Canada, or the German language 'Austrian' in Austria.

Moreover, the change planned by the Chisinau authorities may also have implications at the level of relations between Chisinau and the European Commission. Changing the name of the Republic of Moldova's official language would mean that in future agreements and treaties signed between the Commission and the Moldovan Government, the term 'the Moldovan language' would appear.

In the light of the above, could the Commission state what its position is with regard to the Republic of Moldova's plans to change the name of its official language?