

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2794/08  
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to the Council

Subject: Amendment of electoral law in the Republic of Moldova

On 10 April 2008, the parliament of the Republic of Moldova, which is dominated by the Communist Party, amended that country's electoral law. A set of amendments was adopted which flagrantly violates European democratic standards and practices.

The amendments include: a prohibition on the formation of electoral blocs; an increase in the electoral threshold from 4 % to 6 %, which is unrealistic and undemocratic given the real political situation in the Republic of Moldova; and a ban on people with dual nationality holding public office, including from becoming members of parliament.

Can the Council state what measures it intends to take vis-à-vis the Communist authorities in Chişinău in order swiftly to eliminate the discriminatory and anti-democratic provisions introduced into the electoral law of the Republic of Moldova prior to the elections scheduled for the spring of 2009, since those provisions, which were adopted mainly by Communist members of parliament, are designed to place anti-democratic obstacles in the way of the opposition parties?