

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5051/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Access to public office in Moldova for people with dual nationality

On 7 December 2007, the parliament of the Republic of Moldova adopted a bill amending and supplementing certain legislative acts that consists of introducing restrictions on citizens of the Republic of Moldova from holding citizenship of other states in any period in which they are in public office.

These new legislative provisions relate to the offices of president, prime minister, regional president, judge, member of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of the Republic of Moldova, lawyer, member of parliament, member of the central electoral commission, etc.

Could the European Commission state:

- whether the above-mentioned provisions are in keeping with the democratic spirit and European legislation in the Member States and, furthermore, whether discriminatory and selective application of the law is taking place, insofar as people with Russian citizenship – such as the President of the Republic of Moldova – are not subject to the laws in question; and
- whether application of these provisions does not discriminate against people who are citizens of other European states, including Romania?