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to the Commission

Subject: State of play on the recognition of diplomas of highly qualified third-country nationals

It is a well-known fact that major difficulties exist regarding the process of recognition of diplomas obtained in Member States such as Romania and Bulgaria. In this context, the current debates on conditions of entry and residence for third-country nationals seeking jobs requiring a high level of qualification are inevitably increasing the frustration of those Community citizens who have sought to avail themselves of the full range of rights deriving from their possession of a higher education qualification but find that their diplomas are not universally recognised in the EU.

Can the Commission state its position with regard to the recent debates in Parliament on the report by Ewa Klamt (A6-0432/2008), which is scheduled for discussion in plenary in Strasbourg?