

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6754/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Police authorities keeping archives of innocent citizens' fingerprints and DNA samples

A recent unanimous decision by the European Court ruled that the British police authorities must not keep fingerprints and DNA samples taken from innocent citizens, as this infringes Article 8 of the Human Rights Convention.

1. What is the Commission's opinion on keeping archives of this sort with regard to citizens who have not been accused of a crime, or have been found not guilty?
2. According to the information available to the Commission, which Member States keep archives of this kind?