

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1385/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Mental health patients who are in the care of the welfare services

According to WHO statistics, 450 million people, that is to say 12% of the world's population, are currently afflicted by mental health, behavioural or psychological disorders.

It is also reported that depression will have become the most frequent disorder in present-day society by 2010.

In Romania, mentally ill patients who are in the care of the welfare services are placed in insalubrious psychiatric establishments offering barely admissible standards of human dignity, with no qualified staff available. I am convinced that this state of affairs is not limited to Romania.

Does the Commission intend to take measures to improve this situation?