

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2104/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Discrimination on the grounds of language

The Flemish municipality of Zaventem, famous for being the site of the international airport, has decided that it will no longer sell land to persons who do not speak Dutch or are not learning Dutch at an approved Institution. This decision, which was confirmed on 18 December 2008, is aimed at French-speakers who would like to build their homes in this area close to Brussels.

Is this measure not discriminatory under current EU legislation and contrary to the spirit of the Treaty of Nice?