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to the Commission

Subject: Refusal of the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to grant Romanian citizens access to that state's territory

From 26 March 2009, hundreds of Romanian citizens wanting to travel to the Republic of Moldova have been prevented by the border authorities of that country from continuing their journeys, even though they meet all current legal requirements. From 26 to 30 March, according to the Romanian border police, some 10% of Romanian citizens were refused access to the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

The Moldovan authorities refused to grant these citizens access under various pretexts, such as the fact that they did not hold medical documents certifying that they were not infected with the HIV virus (see the case of six citizens who attempted to enter the territory of the Republic of Moldova on 26 March at the Leuşeni border crossing).

Among those prevented from entering the territory of the Republic of Moldova were also members of a number of official Romanian delegations.

We believe that under no circumstances should the government policy of a state have adverse effects on the citizens of another state, who do not deserve to be penalised.

Given the particular seriousness of the above-mentioned abuses, what is the Commission's view of them and what measures does it intend to take to prevent similar situations from arising in future?