

**Question for written answer E-011528/2011  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Gozo

In its reply of 12 November 2009 to written question E-4470/2009 regarding Gozo, the Commission stated that Declaration 36 annexed to Malta's accession treaty was a unilateral declaration and that it was the Maltese Government's responsibility to ask for such a report to be produced. The Commissioner also highlighted the fact that, since both Malta and Gozo have remained within the convergence objectives for the budgetary period 2007-2013, such a report was not needed.

In view of the current budgetary discussions for the period 2014-2020, and also in light of the recent statements by the Commission to the effect that Malta is now considered as a transitional country in relation to the convergence objective (formerly Objective 1), has the Maltese Government submitted a request for a report to be drawn up on Gozo's social and economic situation?