

**Question for written answer E-009697/2016  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Application of the dialogue and conciliation procedure established by Decision of the Administrative Commission for the Coordination of Social Security Systems No A1

Decision A1 of 12 June 2009 establishes a dialogue and conciliation procedure concerning the validity of documents, the determination of the applicable legislation, and the provision of benefits under Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

This procedure is applied, *inter alia*, in cases where there is a divergence of opinions between Member States concerning the determination of the applicable legislation.

Given that this procedure is voluntary:

1. Is the Commission aware of instances in which certain Member States (e.g. France) are not applying the dialogue and conciliation procedure, thereby making it impossible to determine the applicable legislation? This could lead to – and indeed is already leading to – a situation in which people face a double obligation to pay social security contributions in both their country of origin and their host country.
2. Is the Commission taking any steps to encourage the Member States to apply the procedure provided for by Decision No A1 in the event of divergences of opinion?
3. In this situation, is there any alternative system for reaching an agreement?