

Question for written answer E-000216/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Withdrawal Agreement and the application of transition arrangements for Gibraltar

The Withdrawal Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union applies to Gibraltar. In order to ensure an orderly and smooth departure, a transitional period is being negotiated with the UK, as part of the Withdrawal Agreement.

Does the Commission agree that the enthusiastic Europeans who live in Gibraltar, who voted 96 % to remain in the European Union, are also entitled to an orderly and smooth departure, as are the 13 000 EU nationals from all parts of the Union who live in Spain and work in Gibraltar?

Given that nobody has anything to gain from the non-application of transitional provisions to Gibraltar, can the Commission state whether it has any objections, in principle or in law, to Gibraltar maintaining its existing relationship with the European Union in line with any transitional arrangements negotiated with the UK for the period following March 2019?