

Question for written answer E-005652/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Family allowances for foreigners working in Austria

On 24 October 2018, the Austrian Parliament adopted a law adjusting family allowances for foreigners working in Austria. Under this law, as of January 2019 the amount of family allowances that foreigners whose children do not live in Austria will receive will vary according to the price levels in the countries in which their children are living. According to published calculations, a Slovak working in Austria would receive one-third less in family allowances than an Austrian colleague, in spite of the fact that both workers would be contributing the same amount to the Austrian social security system.

In this connection:

1. Does the Commission consider such a law to be discriminatory?
2. Does the Commission consider this law to be in accordance with the European Treaties that are currently in force?