

Question for written answer E-001634/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Statement by Commissioner Hahn on the move to qualified majority voting on enlargement matters

The Commissioner for Enlargement, Johannes Hahn, has said that he is in favour of removing the need for unanimity in decisions on most enlargement issues.

On this occasion, he stated his opinion that, of the roughly 300 decisions that need to be made unanimously as regards enlargement, 298 should be made by qualified majority.

Since Croatia and the other countries that became full Member States of the EU before it had to fulfil all the conditions for EU membership, including the aforementioned 300 unanimous decisions, does Commissioner Hahn not agree that this almost total transition to qualified majority voting would be discriminatory to the countries that have already diligently and unflinchingly fulfilled the conditions for membership?

Moreover, given that Croatia unfortunately still has many important outstanding issues with Serbia that could not be resolved bilaterally in recent decades because Serbia steadfastly refuses to engage in any talks on Croatia's War of Independence, does the Commission not feel that the aforementioned proposal would severely undermine Croatia's ability to address these important issues?

Does the Commission feel that efficiency is more important than non-discrimination and respect for the sovereignty of individual EU Member States?