Question for written answer E-004429/2019 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Ongoing discrimination against Irish and other non-national teaching staff of Italian

universities

Ongoing EU Pilot case 2079/11/EMPL was opened by the Commission against Italy for its failure to comply with Court of Justice (CJEU) Judgment C-119/04, the fourth in a series of rulings on discrimination against foreign language teachers in Italy dating back to the first Alluè ruling of 1989. Astoundingly, this discrimination has persisted for 30 years, with the unfortunate consequence that many teachers have retired without ever receiving the redress due to them under the CJEU rulings.

Judgment C-119/04 awarded foreign language teachers the legal right to have their acquired rights reinstated from the date they were first employed in Italy based on the pay scale for a part-time researcher. This parameter makes it very simple to calculate the appropriate current pay and the settlements for interest-adjusted back payments due under the ruling.

Given the circumstances, will the Commission:

- 1. Appoint a watchdog body to ensure that foreign language teachers and their retired colleagues receive the settlements due to them under Judgment C-119/04 and thereby put an end to 30 years of discriminatory treatment?
- 2. Refuse to allow Italy open the binding case law of the CJEU to negotiation as provided for by Italian Interministerial Decree No. 765, especially since Italian universities exclude representative bodies of foreign teachers from labour negotiations?