Subject: Discrimination against Romanian citizens by the Austrian authorities

Under a recent decision by the Austrian Government, those arriving from Romania to Austria must be quarantined for two weeks if unable to provide negative COVID-19 test results.

Countless instances of discrimination by the Austrian authorities against Romanian citizens returning from Romania to Austria are being reported, those concerned being wrongfully quarantined, even if they are able to produce negative COVID-19 test results and have a domicile and an employment contract in Austria.

Romania is an EU Member State and these illegal actions by the Austrian authorities in discriminating against Romanian citizens are in serious breach of human rights and of international conventions to which Austria is a signatory.

This is seriously detrimental to Romanian citizens, many of whom have lost their jobs as a result, while their children are being excluded from school activities.

In view of this, what measures are being envisaged by the Commission to make such discrimination impossible in future? Is it normal for COVID-19 restrictions to apply only to Romanian citizens in Austria, given existing provisions regarding the rights of European citizens and non-discrimination?