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Subject: Discrimination between EU countries in the issue and renewal of licences for Rally H

drivers with disabilities

Nowadays, motor sport is one of the few sports in which people with or without disabilities can compete in the same category, giving this practice a strong symbolic value and spreading a positive and hopeful message.

Furthermore, in recent years, important technological innovations have been introduced that can allow even visually impaired people to take part in rally races. The procedures for issuing and renewing navigator licences for Rally H drivers with disabilities differ greatly between the various Member States, with different rules based on the country of origin, effectively creating discrimination between licenced drivers. The Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 also includes among its main objectives full participation in all areas of social and professional life.

- 1. Was the Commission aware of this situation?
- 2. In the light of the fact that the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (International Automobile Federation) is the only international sporting institution with the power to establish regulations based on the fundamental principles of safety through the International Sporting Code, what concrete initiatives does the Commission intend to undertake to harmonise the regulations, with a view to putting an end to such discrimination?