

**Question for written answer E-003152/2023/rev.1**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Public admission by Slovenian Prime Minister Golob of blatant discrimination on grounds of political conviction

On Tuesday, 24 October 2023, the Prime Minister of Slovenia, Robert Golob, stated publicly that he had instructed the Internal Affairs Minister, Tatjana Bobnar, to 'cleanse' the Slovenian police of all sympathisers of the former Prime Minister Janez Janša. The Employment Relationships Act (ZDR-1) provides a clear definition of unjustified grounds for ordinary dismissal. Unjustified grounds for dismissal include political conviction. The Prime Minister's actions are also in breach of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which prohibits discrimination on the grounds of political opinion in Article 21, while Article 20 refers to equality before the law and Article 15 refers to the right to engage in work.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. Does it consider this statement to be discrimination based on political opinion and thus a violation of the rule of law in Slovenia?
2. How, as guardian of the Treaties, will it protect the rule of law in Slovenia given the public admission by the Slovenian Prime Minister of flagrant discrimination based on political opinion?
3. What levers and mechanisms does it have to conduct a thorough review of the rule of law situation in Slovenia in order to prevent a widespread violation of human rights?

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