

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3447/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Expulsion of Irene van den Broek

Is the Commission aware that Irene van den Broek, the President of the LSVb (Dutch national students' union), was refused entry to the Russian Federation on 11 July?

Is the Commission prepared to ask the Russian authorities on what grounds she was refused entry, and to inform the European Parliament?

Does the Commission agree that it would on no account be acceptable if Irene van den Broek was refused entry to the Russian Federation because of her activities to promote the democratisation of Belarus within the framework of the Mission to Minsk action?

Can the Commission confirm, particularly in the light of the recent agreements on simplifying visa procedures, that students like Irene van den Broek must be allowed entry to the Russian Federation without delay, and could it indicate what action may be taken to prevent this situation from recurring?

Is the Commission prepared to raise this matter through channels such as the G8?