

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0510/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Discrimination against the Polish language in Poland

What measures does the Commission intend to take in the case of the discrimination against the Polish language encountered within Polish territory, where the management of a German firm, Arvato, has imposed a ban on the use of Polish? How can this be consistent with official statements and programmes intended to promote languages and linguistic diversity? This discrimination against Polish, the language of the fifth largest EU Member State, is all the more offensive now that the Union has adopted a new official language, Irish, with effect from 1 January. I should also like to draw the attention of the Commission and other European Union institutions to the persistent problems encountered with communications and translations in Polish and the languages of the other Member States which joined the Union in 2004. What does the Commission plan to do to tackle discrimination against Polish within EU territory?