WRITTEN QUESTION P-3238/08 by Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg (PSE) to the Commission

Subject: Complaint to the Commission by Tobias King (2006/5043)

On 3 November 2006, the European Parliament's Committee on Petitions received a complaint from Tobias King, a United Kingdom citizen resident in Belgium, concerning a possible breach by the UK authorities of Directive 2004/38/EC¹ on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States. The UK authorities had asked Mr King's wife, a Turkish citizen with the right of permanent residence in Belgium, to produce a visa, which appears to be contrary to the abovementioned directive.

The complaint was referred to the Commission, which, on 5 May 2007, forwarded a reply to Parliament. The Commission said it had registered the complaint under the reference 2006/5043 and had written to the UK authorities for further information, which should have been provided within two months.

Has this information been forwarded and, if so, could it be sent to me? What is the Commission's position on this matter?

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