Question for written answer P-003775/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Flavio Zanonato (S&D)

Subject: Allocation of social housing in Padua

Under Decision 2014/0064 adopted on 29 September 2014, the Padua Municipal Council added a further criterion for the assessment of low-cost housing applications, awarding a higher eligibility score to those who have been resident in Padua for over ten years.

Under Article 34 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, everyone residing and moving legally within the European Union is entitled to social security benefits and social advantages and Article 21 thereof prohibits any discrimination on grounds of nationality. Furthermore, Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to adequate housing, while the European Parliament resolution of June 2013 on the social housing calls on the Member States to make access to low-cost housing more fair, transparent and impartial.

In view of this:

Does the Commission not agree that the eligibility criteria in question are discriminatory, infringe the above articles and are contrary to the spirit of the EU Treaties?

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