

**0627/2018**

**Petition No 0627/2018 by Anthony Valcke (Belgian), on behalf of EU Rights Clinic, on the protection of citizens' rights in the context of Brexit**

The petitioner is concerned that the draft Withdrawal Agreement will not fully cover the entire spectrum of rights that all EU citizens and family members presently enjoy in connection with residence, work and equal treatment under EU law. In particular, he argues, this concerns three categories of persons: i) family members of EU citizens who have returned home after having resided in another Member State, namely, both those who have returned home before Brexit, and those who will return home after Brexit (CJUE Case C-370/90 Surinder Singh); ii) primary carers of Union citizens having a right of residence in the EU citizens' home country (CJUE Case C-34/09 Ruiz Zambrano); and iii) British citizens who are currently residing in an EU27 Member State and wish to preserve their rights to continuous free movement. He also states that the Withdrawal Agreement should, inter alia, enshrine UK commitments on comprehensive sickness insurance and worker status, preserve all appeal rights, maintain continued access to EU assistance services (SOLVIT and YEA), require the issuance of public compliance reports during the transitional period, and maintain adequate safeguards on the use of public policy and public security restrictions.

**Information**

- The petitioner states that the petition is supported by 80 signatories, which he lists in an annex to the petition (without signatures).

**Recommendations**

- Declare admissible;
- thank the petitioner for his contribution, assure him that the Committee Members have taken due note of it and will forward it for information to AFCO, LIBE, the European Commission, the Council and Parliament's Brexit Steering Group;
- inform the petitioner that PETI organised two public hearings on Brexit jointly with LIBE and EMPL, on 11 May 2017 and 1 February 2018, which are available on EP's video on demand, and that further information on the events can be accessed via the following links:  
<https://bit.ly/2zRAi9Y>, and  
<https://bit.ly/2QpncX0>;
- treat together with other petitions on the UK withdrawal from the EU.

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