

**Question for written answer E-001945/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Devaluation of the European Baccalaureate/increased obstacles to university admission

The European Institutions pride themselves on being employers who can offer the staff they recruit access to very high-quality European Schools for their children. Under the Regulations governing the European Baccalaureate, holders of this qualification enjoy the same right of admission to any university in the territory of the Member States as nationals with equivalent qualifications, on the same terms. The European Institutions would lose an important safeguard of their attractiveness as employers if the European Baccalaureate were de facto to be devalued in some Member States.

1. Is the Commission aware that certain Member States (DK, SE, DE) have taken or are preparing to take decisions that would make it harder for school leavers with a European Baccalaureate to gain admission to their universities?
2. What measures has the Commission taken or is it preparing to take to ensure that recognition of the European Baccalaureate is not compromised by unjustified changes to established equivalence rules in certain Member States?
3. Is the Commission making active representations to the office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools and to the competent authorities of the Member States to seek continued, unaltered recognition of the European Baccalaureate and prevent it from being devalued?