

**Question for written answer E-001319/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Infringement procedure against Austria

The Commission has now officially contacted the Austrian authorities in response to my question regarding moves by them to reduce child allowances for residents in Austria whose children are still in their country of origin. As well as running counter to EU provisions prohibiting discrimination on grounds of nationality, this is a serious breach of its social security legislation and the principle of equal treatment for workers from other Member States.

As the Commission has pointed out, mobile workers are entitled to the same child allowances as local workers, regardless of the place of residence of their children.

Unfortunately, however, despite the infringement procedure initiated against it by the Commission, the Austrian Government does not appear, even now, in March 2019, to have made any effort to comply and reverse its decision accordingly. In view of this, what action does the Commission now propose to take?