

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2332/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Self-determination

Does the Commission recognise the principle of self-determination as expressed by the UNHCHR - The right to self-determination of peoples (Art. 1) : . 13/03/84 CCPR General comment 12.

‘1. In accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights recognises that all peoples have the right of self-determination. The right of self-determination is of particular importance because its realisation is an essential condition for the effective guarantee and observance of individual human rights and for the promotion and strengthening of those rights.’

and the

‘International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 2200A (XXI) of 16 December 1966,

entry into force 23 March 1976,

‘1. All peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.’?