

**Question for written answer E-003827/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Withdrawal of permanent residence permits in Sweden

The Swedish Government has proposed (SOU 2025:99) a special law to allow the general withdrawal of permanent residence permits, which would be replaced by temporary residence permits. Concerns have been raised about the proposal's compatibility with EU law and human rights. Under Council Directive 2003/109/EC, permanent residence permits may only be withdrawn under specific conditions: serious offences, threats to public policy or public security, or fraud and abuses in the application process. If those criteria are not met, Member States do not have the right to withdraw the permit. At the same time, Article 7 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) protects the right to private and family life. Restrictions may be imposed only if they are in accordance with the law, necessary and proportionate with regard to the objective pursued. The withdrawal of permanent residence permits may therefore affect that right.

Questions:

1. On the basis of Council Directive 2003/109/EC, how does the Commission assess Sweden's proposal to withdraw permanent residence permits?
2. What are the consequences for a country that breaches the directive?
3. How does the Commission ensure that national rules meet the requirements of necessity and proportionality under Article 7 of the ECHR?

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