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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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There are no obligations on Member States to notify changes to their legislation on the acquisition and loss of nationality to the Commission. However, the Commission is aware of the legislation referred to by the Honourable Members.

According to settled case-law of the Court of Justice, it is for each Member State, having due regard to international law, to lay down the conditions for the grant and loss of the nationality of a Member State, while those powers must be exercised having due regard to EU law¹.

It follows from this case-law that the definition of the conditions for granting the nationality of a Member State does not fall within the competence of the EU, but within that of each Member State, which has a broad discretion in the choice of the criteria to be applied, provided that those criteria are applied in compliance with EU law².

¹ Judgment of 29 April 2025, *European Commission v Republic of Malta (Citoyenneté par investissement)*, C-181/23, EU:C:2025:283, paragraph 81 and the case-law cited.

² Judgment of 29 April 2025, *European Commission v Republic of Malta (Citoyenneté par investissement)*, C-181/23, EU:C:2025:283, paragraph 98.