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Madam Moderator,

I feel that I have to correct some of the information provided this morning. All people living in Estonia are documented and have the right and opportunity to enjoy fundamental freedoms and basic rights. The persons with undetermined citizenship have travel documents and resident permits that, contrary to what has been said, have been recognised by all but one state in the world. They travel without visa to EU, as well as to Russian Federation. They have the right to equal treatment and access to all social services.

It is true that Estonia applies the *ius sanguinis* citizenship principle; however Estonia firmly believes that governments need to support people striving for nationality. Government of Estonia continues to encourage persons living in Estonia with undetermined citizenship to apply for Estonian citizenship; and the naturalisation procedures are simple, transparent and accessible. There is also a special facilitated procedure for minors.