

**Question for written answer E-011042/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Transcription of same-sex marriages in Italy

On 7 October 2014, the Italian Minister of Internal Affairs, Angelino Alfano, issued a document asking mayors to cancel the transcriptions of same-sex marriages celebrated abroad. Failure to comply would render the marriages null and void. Minister Alfano's document is not in accordance with the fundamental principles of the EU. It also goes against previous rulings of the European Court of Human Rights.

By refusing the transcription of the marriages celebrated abroad, the Italian Government is limiting the right of EU citizens and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Union.

In its resolution of 12 December 2012 on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2010-2011)<sup>1</sup>, Parliament asked the Commission to make proposals for the mutual recognition of the effects of all civil status documents across the EU in order to reduce discriminatory legal and administrative barriers for citizens and their families.

What measures will the Commission take to ensure full respect of the right of EU citizens and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States and to reduce discriminatory legal and administrative barriers?

What measures will it take to ensure that these rights are respected in those Member States which do not recognise same-sex marriages?

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted, P7\_TA(2012)0500.