Question for written answer E-001183/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Rachida Dati (PPE)

Subject: Relocation of unaccompanied minors from Italy

In its seventh report on relocation and resettlement, the Commission stressed the need for Italy to establish a specific procedure for relocating unaccompanied minors. The two subsequent reports revealed that despite the Commission's assistance the Italian authorities have not clarified the rules for this procedure.

The urgency of the situation makes the matter all the more important. The same reports show that the number of unaccompanied minors arriving in Italy is continuing to rise. In 2016, more than 28 000 unaccompanied minors arrived in the country. There is no automatic procedure for transferring these minors to dedicated centres, so they stay longer in the registration centres than adult migrants or those travelling with their families. Meanwhile Greece, which also receives unaccompanied minors, has already started the process of relocating them.

- 1. Can the Commission specify what obstacles are preventing Italy from have the same regulatory framework as Greece for unaccompanied minors?
- 2. Has Italy provided a timetable for introducing these specific measures?

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