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Subject: Breaches of the rights of children whose parents work in Austria

Last year the Austrian Parliament adopted a normative act under which childcare allowances for foreign workers whose children do not reside together with them in Austria need to be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of their country of origin. This measure would lead to a substantial reduction from 1 January 2019 in allowances paid for children residing in eastern Europe. European workers must have equal rights; the Commission must no longer tolerate discriminatory actions that affect the idea of unity and solidarity at European level and that could strengthen belief within the Union in the existence of first- and second-class citizens.

What is the opinion of the Commission regarding the compatibility of the new Austrian legislation on the indexation of childcare benefits with EU law?

What measures does the Commission intend to take in response to the violation of the EU rights of these workers and of their children?

If the Commission plans on taking steps, how will it proceed in a timely manner, taking into account the fact that many families are already facing financial difficulties as a result of the Austrian measures?