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to the Commission**

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Subject: The Commission's intervention in the Coman case

The Commission submitted written observations and intervened orally in the Coman case before the Court of Justice of the European Union (C-673/16), strongly supporting a redefinition of marriage in the whole EU to include same-sex marriage. The Commission maintained in the oral hearing of 21 November 2017 that a marriage legally contracted in an EU Member State or non-EU country should be recognised automatically by all EU host States, regardless of their domestic legislation.

On what legal bases is the Commission calling for automatic recognition of a foreign legal order regarding marriage?

How does its position reconcile with the fact that seven EU Member States exclusively protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman in their constitutions?

Will national referenda or parliamentary acts of Member States defining marriage exclusively as the union of one man and one woman still be possible and respected by the EU?