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to the Commission

Subject: Racist, xenophobic election campaign: the Lega Nord posters

The election campaign for the European elections is beginning. In Italy, the election campaign also concerns the administrative elections in numerous provinces and cities.

Election posters have already been put up by the Lega Nord (Northern League) party, along the same lines as posters for previous elections.

Some of these posters are clearly racist and xenophobic and spark fear among citizens with regard to the immigration of people from third countries and European ethnic minorities, as can be clearly seen from the two posters attached, in particular one of these (annex No 1).

Does the Commission not consider it necessary to take action to prevent political parties from using the election period to spread ideas that totally conflict with the fundamental principles of the EU?

Does the Commission not consider that these acts conflict with all the recommendations of the Commission itself and the relevant Parliament resolutions?