

**Question for written answer E-005398/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Disregard for a child's rights in legal proceedings

In the case of Fiona Shaw – the child of a Hungarian mother and a French father – the child's rights have been entirely disregarded, while the Arrest Warrant has also been misused. During the legal proceedings in France, the young child's interests and her physical and mental health have been entirely ignored. The right of the mother, living in Hungary, to equitable legal proceedings was breached, and the authorities constantly infringed the rights of the mother, who was a party to the proceedings:

- the French authorities do not reply to official requests, or do so only after a delay;
- summonses to attend court are sent late (and received only on the day of the hearing);
- the European Arrest Warrant issued against the mother was withdrawn several years too late, which prevented her from travelling to France;
- the double jeopardy principle is being disregarded; and
- the authorities are restricting contact between the mother and her child, as a result of which the mother has had no contact with her daughter for three and a half years.

What can the Commission do to compel the authorities in a Member State to act in good faith in every case, and in the child's interests at all times, in individual cases? How can the Commission help secure a resolution of Fiona Shaw's case as soon as possible in a manner satisfactory to the child?