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Subject: VP/HR - Removal of children from EU citizens by Norwegian government agencies and their adoption outside the EU

Despite the fact that Norway has ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which prevails over national legislation, the authorities there are engaging in actions which conflict with the implementation of the Convention and which are even affecting the interests of EU citizens.

In cases where the Norwegian authorities take children of EU citizens into protective care, the children are not returned even if no wrongdoing on the part of the parents is proved. The children are placed in foster care in Norway rather than being entrusted to the care of relatives in EU Member States. During their long stay in foster care, these children have their identities forcibly changed, and some are even adopted in Norway subsequently.

It is worth pointing out that the European Parliament Resolution of 27 November 2014 on the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child called on Commission representatives to explore ways and means for the EU to accede unilaterally to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Will High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini take proactive steps in this matter concerning the violation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child by Norway and act on behalf of affected EU citizens?