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Subject: Legal consequences of a denouncement by a Member State of an international agreement signed by the European Union


Poland ratified the convention in 2015. Currently the Polish Parliament is discussing a legislative initiative ‘Yes to family, no to gender’, which anticipates Poland’s withdrawal from the convention.

1. What is the Commission’s assessment of the legal consequences for the EU acquis, specifically in relation to Council Decisions 2017/865 and 2017/866, in the event that Poland, or any other Member State, denounces the Istanbul Convention?

2. Is the Commission of the opinion that an international agreement the European Union has signed remains binding to the Member States which had signed it as well given that Article 18 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of International Treaties states that ‘a State is obliged to refrain from acts which would defeat the object and purpose of a treaty when: (a) It has signed the treaty […]’?