

**Question for written answer E-000192/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Stepping up EU action on safeguarding the rights of transnational families

Migrant care workers have played a key role during the COVID-19 crisis in ensuring that elderly people who would otherwise be isolated receive the care and assistance they need. Nonetheless, like millions of other domestic workers, they still suffer from poor labour standards and social protection as they fall under specific derogatory regulations. Exceedingly long working hours remain a feature – especially during the current pandemic – which effectively undermines the right of migrant workers to family life and severely affects so-called ‘live-in’ domestic workers. Furthermore, when moving to the EU, migrant care workers often have no choice but to leave their children behind in the care of relatives or neighbours. This dramatic change and lack of parental care can lead to children suffering from depression – and sometimes suicide – violence and abuse.

1. Does the Commission intend to encourage all Member States to adopt the International Labour Organization’s Domestic Workers Convention, and propose legislative measures to improve labour standards and social protection for these workers, including ending opt-outs and derogations from the EU Working Time Directive, which are discriminatory against them?
2. Does it intend to take the necessary steps toward the creation of a legal framework, involving both countries of origin and destination, to guarantee better protection for children of transnational families?
3. What measures can be adopted under the existing EU association agreements?

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