

**Question for written answer E-004146/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Care strategy and illegal immigration

In its care strategy, the Commission emphasises that domestic workers and long-term care workers are often women and/or immigrants who often work under very poor conditions. Together with the ILO 189 Alliance – a group of European stakeholders – the Commission is calling on Member States to ratify ILO Convention 189 on domestic workers and to take steps to regulate the specific situation of households and live-in carers. The Commission finds it regrettable that the Convention has been ratified by only eight Member States at this point¹.

However, given that the ILO Convention aims to grant social rights to illegal immigrants, it should be rejected. Otherwise, illegal immigration would be rewarded and encouraged, and the struggle against illegal immigration sabotaged. Ratification and implementation of the Convention would promote tolerance of illegal immigration. Even the pro-migration movement says that ratification of the ILO Convention by, for example, the Netherlands is a question of migration law, as regularisation of the sector without a corresponding (interim) legalisation or at least tolerance policy would not bring any benefit to domestic workers.

1. Is the Commission for or against combating illegal immigration effectively?
2. Are parties to ILO Convention 189 required to provide social rights to illegal immigrants?
3. How can ratification of ILO Convention 189 be reconciled with a consistent policy on combating illegal immigration?

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¹ European Commission, Communication on the European care strategy, COM(2022) 440 final, 7 September 2022, p. 13.