

**Question for written answer E-000726/2023**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Commission proposal on surrogacy

The proposal for a Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition of decisions and acceptance of authentic instruments in matters of parenthood and on the creation of a European Certificate of Parenthood concerns the automatic recognition of 'parenthood', which is intended to replace the legal and biological concept of filiation. The practice of surrogacy violates the rights of the children – turning them into victims of trafficking in human beings – and the fundamental rights and physical integrity of the women who are used as surrogate mothers. While such a practice is contrary to children's well-being, it forms the basis of the Commission's initiative.

1. How does the Commission justify this proposal, in which the child is rendered the object of a financial interaction through the process of surrogacy?
2. How does the Commission intend to prevent sexual exploitation in connection with surrogacy?
3. How does the Commission view the fact that fewer children are being adopted as a result of the increase in demand for surrogacy?

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