

**Question for written answer E-002273/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The ratification of ILO Convention 189 by the EU Member States

ILO Convention 189, which promotes decent work for domestic workers, came into force on 5 September 2013. It is a landmark treaty establishing a global framework for domestic workers' recognition and protection. However, so far only nine EU countries have ratified the Convention: Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Malta and Finland. The more countries that ratify and implement the Convention, the more likely domestic workers will be granted recognition.

On 28 January 2014, the EU's Council of Ministers adopted a Decision authorising Member States to ratify the Convention following a proposal from the Commission. Since then, however, the Commission has taken no relevant steps to support the ratification of ILO Convention 189.

1. Is the Commission considering any action to ensure that Member States ratify and implement ILO Convention 189 on domestic workers?
2. Is the Commission considering any action to promote the recognition of domestic workers?

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