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Subject: Legal protection of rainbow families in Italy

In January 2023, the Italian Government issued a communication urging local authorities to cease the practice of including the names of both parents on the birth certificates of children of rainbow families. As a consequence, a warning letter was sent to 27 rainbow families in Padua regarding 33 children. The situation has since been exacerbated by the removal of non-biological mothers from children's existing birth certificates. Three rainbow families have already been affected by such removals.

Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) establishes the objective for the EU to promote the protection of the rights of the child. Moreover, pursuant to Articles 7 and 8 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which Italy ratified in 1991, children have a right to preserve their identity, including their nationality, name and family relations, and it is up to states to provide the necessary protection. Italy has now effectively violated the rights covered by Article 3(3) TEU and the extended rights granted to children under the UNCRC, as well as its own obligations in this regard.

How will the Commission ensure that the rights of all children in Italy are protected, in line with the objectives set out in the TEU?

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