

**Question for written answer E-000170/2024
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Safety of EU citizens abroad – The case of the Italian child Adelio Bocci and his mother

The 10-year-old Italian child Adelio Bocci, the son of an Italian father and a Tajik mother who is a naturalised Italian, is currently in Kazakhstan.

According to local press reports, the mother removed him from the family home and took him to Kazakhstan. Three international arrest warrants and one extradition request have been issued for the mother, continue the reports, while Italian diplomatic staff and Interpol have been unable to offer clear information as to the child's safety.

The not-for-profit association for families and missing persons 'Penelope' recently wrote to the Italian Foreign Minister pointing to photos and videos in which the child shows signs of having been beaten, and in which he seems fearful and submissive.

How does the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy intend to support the efforts of Italian diplomatic staff to facilitate and ensure the safety of Adelio Bocci and his mother, not least in view of the 2015 Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA), which brought relations to Kazakhstan to a new level and represents an important milestone in EU relations with Kazakhstan dating back over 25 years now?

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