

**Priority question for written answer P-001314/2023/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Authorities' abusive attitude towards minors in the context of domestic violence

Frida is the mother of a little girl, fathered by her ex-partner, who during her pregnancy repeatedly used force and violence in an attempt to coerce her to have an abortion because he did not want to be a father.

This same father, who so violently expressed his wish not to be a parent, is now defended by law, granting him the right to visit his daughter and to be involved in her life.

The custody judgment at first instance, delivered prior to the recognition of paternity and based on an expert report attesting to parental alienation and without any assessment of the allegations of violence, went so far as to change the daughter's surname and to force her to meet the 'unknown' father repeatedly, even though the daughter herself also reported instances of violence when she came back to her mother. The social services have insisted that these meetings continue without any safeguards despite the obvious unease of the child.

We are faced with a clear abuse of authority, as no account whatsoever is taken of the child's wishes and suffering – on the contrary, those wishes are blamed on malicious behaviour on the part of the mother.

Moreover, this situation fails to put the best interests of the child first.

In view of the above, can the Commission say whether or not cases like this constitute an infringement of Article 24 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, which specifically guarantees such principles?

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