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Subject: Living conditions for migrants in Italy's immigration removal centres

Article 14 of Legislative Decree 286/1998, the Italian law governing immigration removal centres (IRCs), establishes that foreign nationals must be provided with any assistance they need and treated with full respect for their dignity.

Of Italy's nine active IRCs, five are facing accusations of inhumane treatment, drug abuse and fraud against the state.

Recently, reliable journalistic sources and members of the national parliament inspecting the IRCs in Trapani and Caltanissetta have uncovered serious violations of basic human rights, mainly in relation to the difficulty in accessing legal information, international protection, the right to a fair defence, freedom of communication, and the right to health and dignity.

On 4 February, a young man took his life at the IRC in Rome and 14 migrants held at the facility were arrested for the unrest that followed.

The public prosecutor's office has reported that migrants at the Milan IRC had been left lying naked on the floor after being beaten.

Meanwhile, at the Potenza IRC, it is investigating the administration of sedatives.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to make representations to the Italian authorities regarding the conditions in which migrants are being held in the country's IRCs?
2. Can it look into whether the detention conditions at these facilities are in breach of EU rules?

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