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**to the Commission**

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Subject: Italian Government's moves against 'gender ideology' and respect for EU fundamental rights

Recently, the Culture Committee of the Italian Chamber of Deputies adopted a resolution (7-00203) binding the government to lay down national guidelines that would stop the school curriculum from being 'hijacked to unilaterally and uncritically champion behaviours rooted in "gender ideology" among young people'.

Similarly, in May 2024, a representative of the ruling majority tabled a bill (C1885) to introduce an outright ban on the teaching of so-called 'gender theories' in the education system.

These developments are fuelling concerns about respect for the fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, in particular Article 21, which outlaws discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, among other forms.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission believe that Italy's recent moves are compatible with the principles of non-discrimination and gender equality championed by the EU?
2. What can the Commission do to prevent potential violations of the rights of LGBTQ+ people in education in Italy?
3. What measures could it adopt to make sure that Italy honours its human rights and gender equality commitments, particularly within education?

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