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Subject: Protection of human rights: the case of Italian family assistants

Almost all European countries provide welfare and support legislation for carers of disabled persons.

Sweden and the United Kingdom implement ad hoc interventions for disabled persons and the family members involved in their care, recognised as being end-users of services for the person whom they assist. In France and Germany, the social protection system for this type of care is indirect.

In Italy, Law 104/1992 provides for paid leave for those who care for disabled and/or seriously ill persons, but no specific regime for full-time family assistants.

In view of the situation of Italian family assistants who relinquish a life of their own to look after family members affected by severe disability or illness at home, and considering that family assistants perform a social role that often observes deficiencies in health care systems, could the Commission explain:

- How it intends to provide support to Italy so that it recognises a system of protection and services for family assistants;
- What policies it intends to undertake in favour of the recognition of the role of family assistants and European protection standards for them;
- What actions it intends to adopt to encourage Member States to provide specific measures in relation to family assistants' right to health, rest and a social life?