Question for written answer E-004094/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Herbert Dorfmann (PPE)

Subject: Compulsory vaccinations for children and adolescents in Italy

Italian government Decree No 73 of 7 June 2017 has introduced new emergency measures for preventive vaccinations. They include 12 mandatory vaccinations for children and adolescents from 0 to 16 years of age. If these vaccinations are not undertaken, the following penalties apply: unvaccinated children are barred from attending school, kindergarten or children's centres. In addition, parents or guardians face fines of between EUR 500 and EUR 7 500.

This means that EU citizens, who move with their families to Italy, even temporarily for reasons of employment, are obliged to give their children these vaccinations, even though no provision is made for them in their country of origin except on a voluntary basis.

Does the Commission consider that these measures constitute discrimination and a restriction on the free movement of persons and workers for parents and guardians?

Does the Commission believe that this legislative decree violates the provisions of EU law?

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