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to the Commission**

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Subject: Trade union rights for military personnel in Italy

As highlighted by the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), Law 46/2022 poses a number of problems that risk undermining the freedom, democratic nature and transparency of the trade union representatives of the armed forces and military police.

The law does not adequately protect the social rights of tens of thousands of armed forces personnel. Among other things, it limits: the right to autonomous management and staff representation for each category without percentage-based restrictions; the right to deal with all service-related matters concerning staff welfare and interests; the right to trade union pluralism; the right to a trade union representative in state and military disciplinary proceedings, including technical defence; the right to self-finance in any way recognised by the State, which is not contrary to the principles of the military system; the right to engage with local authorities in Italy. In addition, some categories of military personnel undergoing initial training are not allowed to join any trade union.

This undermines the rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Social Charter.

Does the Commission not believe that it should take action to protect the social rights of military personnel in Italy?

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