

Question for oral answer O-000005/2025

to the Commission

Rule 142

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on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs

Subject: Adoption of the proposal for a Parenthood Regulation

Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition of decisions and acceptance of authentic instruments in matters of parenthood and on the creation of a European Certificate of Parenthood (COM(2022)0695) was published by the Commission on 7 December 2022. It is based on Article 81(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which calls for the use of the special legislative procedure, where after consulting Parliament, the Council adopts the final text by unanimity. Parliament's opinion on the proposal, prepared by the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI), was adopted by the plenary on 14 December 2023 and forwarded to the Council.

In its opinion, Parliament focused on safeguarding children's rights derived from parenthood regardless of the legal relationship between the parents or the way the child was conceived. Parliament expressed support for the main objective of the proposed regulation, which is to address the issue of non-recognition of parenthood status by assuring that if a child-parent relation has been established in one Member State all other Member States shall recognise it without additional proceedings.

Taking into account that the Council has been working on the proposal for more than two years:

1. How has the Commission facilitated the discussion on the proposal in the Council?
2. Is the Commission prepared, or is it planning, in the event that unanimity among the Member States cannot be reached, to pursue the objectives of the proposed regulation using alternative legislative instruments or mechanisms provided for in the Treaties?

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