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**Parliamentary questions**

9 April 2015

E-005691-15

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

Rule 130

Anna Maria Corazza Bildt (PPE) , Caterina Chinnici (S&D) , Nathalie Griesbeck (ALDE) , Joan Lambert (Verts/ALE) , Timothy Kirkhope (ECR)**► Subject: Child Rights Strategy (2015-2020)** **Answer(s)**

The promotion of children's rights is an objective of the European Union as stated in Article 34(3) of the TEU. The 'EU Agenda for the Rights of the Child' (2011-2014), which aimed to ensure that all EU policies having an impact on children respected their rights, has been largely implemented and has come to an end.

In its resolution of 27 November 2014 on the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the European Parliament calls on the Commission to present an ambitious and comprehensive child rights strategy and action plan for the next five years. This call was echoed by the Council conclusions on children's rights adopted on 4-5 December 2014, which call on the Commission to develop a renewed EU Agenda for the Rights of the Child in line with Better Regulation principles.

Will the Commission take action and present an ambitious and comprehensive new child rights strategy for the period 2015-2020, with a concrete action plan?

Will the Commission ensure increased coordination among its different services with a view to effectively mainstreaming children's rights in all EU legislative proposals, policies and financial decisions and monitoring their full compliance with the EU *aquis* on children and with obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

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Parliamentary questions

30 June 2015

E-005691/2015

Answer given by Ms Jourová on behalf of the Commission

The Commission will continue the process of coordination and mainstreaming of rights of the child in all EU legislative proposals, policies and financial decisions, in particular through the Interservice group on rights of the child, training on the Charter of Fundamental Rights, interservice consultations, and other bilateral and ad hoc means. In this context, the Commission is reflecting on the appropriate follow-up to the action plan on Unaccompanied Minors (2010-2014).

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Parliamentary questions

26 May 2015

E-008383-15

Question for written answer
to the Commission
Rule 130
Anna Hedh (S&D)

► Subject: EU Agenda for the Rights of the Child 2016-2020

 Answer(s)

We welcome the fact that promoting fundamental rights is one of Commission President Juncker's Top 10 Priorities. The EU Agenda for the Rights of the Child has been of great importance for the work initiated by the Commission on children's rights. However, this first Agenda expired in 2014 and much remains to be done both within the EU and throughout the world. Many challenges and child rights violations remain and new ones are emerging. Many of these need a European response which addresses the root causes of rights violations and either fills the existing gaps or addresses cross-border issues in the areas of justice, migration, poverty reduction, social inclusion, education, health and sustainable development.

1. When will the new Commission outline a clear framework for EU action on the rights of the child and propose a comprehensive and robust successor to the Agenda for the Rights of the Child?
2. When will the Commission organise a public consultation on its future Agenda for the Rights of the Child?

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Parliamentary questions

3 September 2015

E-008383/2015

Answer given by Ms Jourová on behalf of the Commission

To ensure that Rights of the child are respected is a priority for the Commission and, in line with Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union, the Commission is guided by the UN Convention on the rights of the child when mainstreaming rights of the child aspects in all EU legislative proposals, policy and financial programmes and in coordinating work among services and with external stakeholders. The Commission will continue to focus on envisaged concrete and practical actions and does not intend at this stage to carry out a public consultation on the future rights of child policy.

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Parliamentary questions

24 August 2015

E-012135-15

Question for written answer
to the Commission
Rule 130
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė (S&D)

► Subject: Necessity of adopting a new EU Agenda on the Rights of the Child

 Answer(s)

The EU Agenda on the Rights of the Child, which was adopted by the Commission in 2011, was a clearly defined EU action programme. Significant progress has been made in implementing it in various key areas, for instance in preparing various laws, establishing a hot line for reporting missing children, promoting child-friendly justice, enhancing data collection and so on. The EU Agenda on the Rights of the Child expired at the end of 2014.

Does the Commission not feel that a comprehensive child rights strategy and action plan must be adopted as quickly as possible for the next five years, building on and upgrading the EU Agenda on the Rights of the Child?

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Parliamentary questions

15 October 2015

E-012135/2015

Answer given by Ms Jourová on behalf of the Commission

Rights of the child are a priority for the Commission. The Commission refers the Honourable Member to the response given to Written Question E-008383/2015.

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