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to the Commission**

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Subject:   Trafficking in human organs

Trafficking in human organs is a serious form of transnational crime that violates fundamental rights, endangers public health and generates substantial profits for criminal networks.

In 2015, the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs<sup>1</sup> was opened for signature. The Convention complements Directive 2011/36/EU<sup>2</sup>, which covers trafficking in persons for organ removal, and addresses the illicit removal of organs and other related activities.

The EU is not immune to this phenomenon. Offences have occurred on European soil, and vulnerable patients have been targeted by international brokers for illegal transplantations abroad. Yet, more than a decade after the Convention was opened for signature, only a limited number of EU Member States have ratified it.

1. Does the Commission intend to encourage Member States to sign and ratify the Convention?
2. Would the Commission consider strengthening the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs' involvement in the Santiago de Compostela Committee, including through participation in its meetings?
3. Does the Commission consider that Europol and Eurojust have sufficient legal and operational tools to support Member States in investigating and prosecuting trafficking in human organs?

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<sup>1</sup> Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs (CETS No 216), Santiago de Compostela, 25 March 2015 (the 'Santiago de Compostela Convention').

<sup>2</sup> Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, OJ L 101, 15.4.2011, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2011/36/oj>.