*(English version)*

**Question for written answer E-002377/26**
**to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**
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*(9 June 2026)*

*Subject:* Protection of Italian citizen Nessy Guerra and her daughter, a minor, in Egypt

Italian citizen Nessy Guerra has been sentenced on appeal in Egypt in proceedings concerning alleged adultery following a complaint lodged by her former husband. The sentence includes a six-month prison term and compulsory prison labour. Ms Guerra had previously reported situations of domestic violence, threats and coercive behaviour by her former husband.

Serious concerns also arise regarding the situation of her daughter, a minor, who is reportedly subject to a travel ban imposed by Egyptian authorities preventing her return to Italy.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) aware of this case and of the concerns relating to the protection of the fundamental rights of Ms Guerra and her daughter, and in contact with the Italian and/or Egyptian authorities?

2. What concrete steps is the VP/HR taking, in coordination with the Italian authorities and the EU Delegation to Egypt, to monitor further judicial proceedings and ensure respect for fair trial standards and the protection and rights of women victims of violence?

3. What actions are the VP/HR and the European External Action Service currently taking or could they take to support Ms Guerra and ensure the protection and best interests of her daughter?

Supporter ([1])

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission**
*(7 August 2026)*

The High Representative/Vice-President is well aware of this case, and the EU Delegation in Cairo remains in contact with the Italian Embassy.

According to the Italian Embassy in Cairo, the citizen has appealed her conviction before the Egyptian Court of Cassation at the end of June 2026 and no hearing date has yet been communicated. With respect to the custody proceedings concerning her daughter, the appeal hearing, initially scheduled for 3 June 2026, has been postponed and is currently expected to take place on 6 August 2026.

The Italian authorities, which are providing consular assistance, have not requested support from the EU, and the persons concerned have likewise not sought EU assistance. Consequently, the EU Delegation does not currently plan to observe the custody proceedings and, at this stage, considers the matter primarily to fall within the remit of Italian consular protection.

The EU remains committed to promoting respect for human rights, including the rights of women and children and the right to a fair trial, in its dialogue with Egypt. The EU will continue to follow developments in this case, remain in contact with the Italian authorities, and stand ready to provide support, should this be requested.

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