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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The European External Action Service (EEAS) is already aware of this case through the EU Delegation to Egypt, which has been in contact with Italian authorities on this matter. While Member States remain competent for providing consular protection to their own nationals, the EEAS, and in particular the EU Delegation to Egypt, stands ready to support the Italian authorities in handling this case, within their remit and mandate, if they so request.
2. The EEAS understands that the Italian Embassy in Egypt is providing the necessary consular services and is currently working on this case.
3. Regarding the protection of women and children in cross-border family contexts, the EU continues to encourage Egypt to ratify the 1980 Child Abduction and the 1996 Child Protection Conventions and, through its Euro-Med Justice Programme, has supported Egypt's participation in the Malta Process aimed at establishing a dialogue with countries which, like Egypt, are not Parties to the multilateral legal framework established by the Hague Conference on Private International Law. In this context the Commission encourages the adoption of intermediate measures, for example through Egypt's participation in the Working Party on Mediation under the Malta Process, which could help deliver meaningful progress over time.