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Subject: Reply to your Email of 17 March 2026

Dear Ms Borodenchyk,

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2026 to the President Ursula von der Leyen, in which you share your concerns on behalf of the European Network of Migrant Women regarding the impact of the new draft Civil Code of Ukraine on women's and children's rights. The President has asked me to respond.

As Ukraine progresses in its EU accession journey, it is vital that its legal framework aligns with the EU *acquis* and European standards as enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights, including equality between women and men, protection of children's rights, respect for private and family life and prohibition of discrimination based on any ground, including sex and sexual orientation. This also has to be taken into account when drafting new legislation.

Let me assure you that the European Commission will closely monitor progress on Ukraine's legislative alignment with the EU *acquis* in the area of fundamental rights and engage with the Ukrainian authorities to this end. The European Commission will report on the situation in the area of the fundamentals in the context of its annual Enlargement package.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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