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## The fight against the sale of children produced through surrogacy

**Reply<sup>1</sup>** to the Written question No. 682 (Doc. 13765)  
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers is aware that the question of surrogacy, and the different issues related thereto, is a complex and sensitive one, at the national, European and international levels. It gives rise to a number of questions in the framework of international human rights law, not least with regard to transnational surrogacy, the protection of the rights and best interests of the child and of the mother, and concerns related to trafficking in human beings.
2. The Committee of Ministers has taken note with interest that work on a comprehensive report has been mandated within the Assembly on "Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy". A hearing with experts on the issue is scheduled to take place in September 2015 to be followed by a debate on the report in the Plenary at the January 2016 part-session of the Assembly. The Committee of Ministers will follow these discussions with interest.
3. The Committee of Ministers considers it would be appropriate to await the debate on the report in question, and any possible recommendations emerging therefrom, before considering possible steps in response to the precise question put forward by the Honourable Parliamentarian.

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1. Adopted at the 1234th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (10 September 2015).

