



Migrant children born and raised in Italy barred from Italian citizenship

On 13 October 2015, exactly one year ago, the Italian Chamber of Deputies approved a proposal to amend the Italian citizenship law n.91/1992, which would enable migrant children born and raised in Italy to become Italian citizens.

On that day *L'Italia sono anch'io (I am Italy too) campaign* organizations, after having collected over 200.000 signatures for a change in the Citizenship Law and for the right to vote in local elections between September 2011 and March 2012, hoped for a prompt debate and final adoption in the Italian Senate.

Instead, one year later, the draft law has still not been adopted and discussions in the Constitutional Affairs Committee have not even started.

Until now, none of the promises made by the speaker Lo Moro (PD) and the Committee President Finocchiaro (PD) during the organizations' hearing held on 1st April 2016 in the Committee, have been kept. On that occasion, the Committee President pledged to start the Senate discussions after the local elections of June. Four months later, there is no sight of a discussion.

The draft law approved by the Chamber of Deputies is not exactly what we asked for. It is incomplete and insufficient on various aspects: on naturalisation; on measures against public administration discretion on citizenship requests; on the introduction of the possession provision for a parent; on long-stay permits dependent on income and home size; and on legal discipline for minors who arrive in Italy before the legal age.

However, a swift adoption of this draft law would allow almost one million minors, who are *de facto* Italian, to become Italian by law.

The *L'Italia sono anch'io* campaign therefore supports and joins the **flash mob** initiative organized on 13 October by the *Italiani senza cittadinanza* groups of Naples, Padua, Palermo, Reggio Emilia and Rome, **asking the Senate to schedule discussions on the law reform.** They will demonstrate through a flash mob, wearing a white sheet to symbolically show the unfairness of the Italian law, which makes thousands of minors born and/or raised in our country invisible, and which does not allow them to be recognised as Italian citizens. A change in Citizenship Law can no longer wait.

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