

Italy

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Italy, whose official name is the "Republic of Italy", is a Mediterranean country full of natural and historical beauties. In addition to these beauties, it also has a very rich cuisine. Italy's nickname in Europe is "Bel Paese", meaning "Beautiful Country". Its capital and largest city is Rome. The Roman Empire, which dominated the Mediterranean region for approximately 500 years, was founded in Italy. For centuries, Italy led Europe in art, literature, architecture and science. For this reason, it was seen as the center of Western Civilization.

While thousands of refugees and immigrants are being rescued every week in the Mediterranean, UNICEF warned that the rules to be introduced for NGOs carrying out search and rescue operations could put the lives of many people, especially children, at risk.

UNICEF Deputy Director-General Justin Forsyth's assessment is as follows: "Since the start of the migration crisis, Italy has made incredible efforts to save refugees and migrants stranded in the middle of the sea and to provide support to those who can reach its shores.

NICEF met with the technical teams in the summit preparations in their capitals and supported Italy's leadership and called on them to adopt the six-article UNICEF Action Plan for the protection of refugee and migrant children.

The Italian parliament passed the law providing protection to immigrant children who come to the country without their families.

We call on all United Nations countries regarding these measures and ask them to provide economic support for the work to be done. It will be especially important for the refugee children support centers to be opened to work on this issue

With the law, which is a first in Europe, foreign children who come to Italy without their families or an adult companion will not be sent back to their countries of origin and will have the same rights as their EU citizen peers.

A series of measures will be implemented to shorten the time these children spend in immigrant reception centers and to take them under protection as soon as possible.

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