

**Question for written answer E-004865/2012
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Trafficking of girls and women

Alarming cases have come to light of underage girls from Pakistan being sold to United Kingdom citizens of Pakistani descent. UK women's organisations have also cited several cases of forced marriages of underage girls from Pakistan to UK citizens.

What steps has the European External Action Service taken to protect women in third countries against human trafficking and forced marriages?