

**Question for written answer E-006285/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Abortion in Ireland

On 24 July 2014, the UN Human Rights Committee sharply criticised Ireland's abortion laws, which show a blatant disregard for human rights and place the country in breach of its international obligations. These laws discriminate against women and girls in Ireland.

Amnesty International has emphasised that the criminalisation of access to sexual and reproductive health care and information is completely unlawful.

The Irish authorities need to take steps to bring the country's abortion legislation into line with the obligations laid down in international human rights law.

Is it not time for a public debate on this issue, with a view to ensuring that all women in the EU enjoy the same rights with regard to sexual and reproductive health?