

**Question for written answer E-007476/2014/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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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 penalising access to sexual and reproductive health care and information is unlawful.

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

What is the Commission's position on these public-health issues?