

**Question for written answer E-008038/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - New violations of women's rights in Iran

Bills 446 and 315 approved by the Iranian Government further undermine women's rights. They impede access to contraceptives and voluntary sterilisation, favour impunity in cases of violence against women, hinder women's access to the labour market, and more.

Human Rights Watch specifically remarks in its world report that the state of human rights has deteriorated. This is also confirmed by Ahmad Shahid, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Iran, in his last report.

Given that the issue of women's rights should be a matter of essential importance in every dialogue held between the EU and Iran (2014/2625(RSP)) and that the promotion of human rights in Iran is one of cornerstones of the relationship between the EU and Iran, we ask the VP/HR the following questions:

1. What strategy will the VP/HR adopt in response to the passing of these bills by the Iranian Government?
2. How does the VP/HR justify the fact that the sanctions against Iran and the fulfilment of its agreements on human rights have not been reviewed since March 2013?
3. Will the VP/HR urge Iran to allow the United Nations Special Rapporteur entry into the country?