

**Question for written answer E-008084/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Women's football and human rights in Saudi Arabia

Recent years have seen international human rights organisations increasingly condemning the treatment of women in Saudi Arabia. The situation is dire in the field of sports, and in particular with regard to women's football. Women are not permitted to attend football matches and it is very difficult for them to practise sport and to play competitive games. Human Rights Watch has on numerous occasions called upon the International Olympic Committee and FIFA to make the abolition of the discrimination against women in sport a condition of Saudi Arabia's participation in global sporting events such as the Olympic Games and the football World Cup.

Saudi Arabia is a strategic trading partner of the EU. Does the Commission plan any measures to ensure that the EU's partner countries respect human rights?