

**Question for written answer E-009589/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Intersex people victims of discrimination and inequality

According to a study conducted by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), intersex people are subject to discrimination that damages their quality of life, especially when they are young. This discrimination derives particularly from national legislation that does not recognise hermaphrodites.

For example, few EU Member States currently allow gender to be given as neutral on birth certificates.

Surgical operations linked to 'sexual normalisation' on intersex children are also still problematic, as regards both the child's consent and international law, which states that non-essential surgery without the individual's consent is degrading and inhumane.

1. On the basis of the FRA's findings, what will the Commission be doing to protect transgender people who are victims of discrimination?
2. Does it think there is a need to ban all non-essential medical intervention regarding intersex people without their consent, and will it be taking the initiative in this respect?