

**Question for written answer E-012177/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: 'Corrective rape' in Peru

The Annual Report on the Human Rights of LGBT People in Peru 2014-2015 condemns the practice of 'corrective rape' in which lesbian women are raped by a man, often one from the victim's immediate entourage, with the aim of 'curing' her homosexuality.

Described by experts as a corrective punishment which causes the victims irreversible physical and psychological damage, a blind eye is turned to these rapes by a section of society which views homosexuality as an illness.

What is more, Peru does not have any laws to protect the rights of the LGBTI community and in 2013 Peru's Congress rejected a move to make hate crimes against homosexuals illegal.

Article 1 of the Trade Agreement between the EU and Peru cites respect for the democratic principles and fundamental human rights laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as guiding principles to be respected by the parties.

In light of this and other measures, does the Commission take these human rights violations into account? What procedures does the EU have to make this Agreement and others conditional upon respect for human rights? Has it taken any steps in this regard?