

**Question for written answer E-014175/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Development of indicators on prohibition and prevalence of corporal punishment

Heads of State and Government met in New York at the UN Sustainable Development Summit from 25 to 27 September 2015 to decide on new global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ending violent punishment – the most common form of violence against children – is not only fundamental to creating peaceful, non-violent and rights-respecting societies but also a key to achieving the other SDGs for 2030.

At present, only 19 EU Member States have prohibited corporal punishment. The acceptance by states of SDG target 16.2 on ending all forms of violence against children is a great advance. To reach this goal, it is, however, essential to adopt indicators that specifically cover prohibition and elimination of violent punishment. 2016 is the 10th anniversary of the UN World Report on Violence Against Children and the EU should support the inclusion of such an indicator.

Can the Commission confirm that indicators on the prohibition of corporal punishment of children, as well as indicators on prevalence, will be developed and actively supported?