Question for written answer E-003122/2016 to the Council Rule 130 Jiří Maštálka (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and

domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)

The Commission recently submitted a proposal for EU accession to the so-called Istanbul Convention. Acceding to this convention would involve acceptance of a commitment by the EU to take action to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence. When is the Council planning to address the issue of this document? And what are the prospects for EU accession to this convention?

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