

**Question for written answer E-003986/2016/rev.1
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Subject: VP/HR - Colombia

Ten years ago, Colombia's constitutional court abolished criminal penalties for women and girls seeking abortions, not only for rape victims but also for those whose life or health is at risk, and in cases where foetal abnormality incompatible with life is detected. However, in practice it is very hard to access a safe and legal procedure owing to numerous barriers, such as the failure of health facilities to implement the relevant laws and policies properly and the widespread lack of knowledge regarding the requisite medical services.

Does the VP/HR intend to conduct talks with the Government of Colombia with a view to bringing the country's laws into line with international law, which recognises that restricting women's access to abortion can harm their human rights?

Is the VP/HR planning to provide technical support to Colombian ministries and agencies responsible for addressing gender-based violence?

Is the VP/HR considering the possibility of funding programmes aimed at establishing effective training models for the care of victims of gender-based violence, including online training?