

Question for written answer E-004074/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Article 23 of Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims

In his speech on human trafficking at Parliament's part-session on 10 September 2015, Commissioner Avramopoulos said that a report would be published in 2016 to meet the requirement set out under Article 23 of Directive 2011/36/EU. He said the same thing on the 9th European day against trafficking in human beings on 20 October 2015.

Article 23(1) of the directive states that the Commission must, by 6 April 2015, submit 'a report to the Parliament and Council with an assessment of the extent to which Member States have taken the necessary measures to comply with the present Directive'.

What is more, Article 23(2) says that the Commission must, by 6 April 2016, submit a report 'assessing the impact of existing national law, establishing as a criminal offence the use of services which are the objects of exploitation of trafficking in human beings, on the prevention of trafficking in human beings'.

As yet, neither of those requirements has been met.

1. Can the Commission say how far it has got in its work on the two reports?
2. What are the reasons for the delay?