

**Question for written answer E-009029/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Undocumented people in the Dominican Republic

In the Dominican Republic, many people are having their Dominican citizenship taken away from them and are being deported across the border into Haiti, including children and pregnant women. According to Human Rights Watch, nothing is being done at government level to help even the most vulnerable undocumented people. People are suffering in Haitian camps with little food or water and no extra funding is being provided to help them.

Women and children look towards the Dominican Republic for better medical treatment if they are pregnant, as maternal care there is much better than in Haiti. They are in need of proper medical care and, even with Dominican citizenship, are being sent back to the harsh conditions in Haiti, having to deal with their maternity period with little medical attention.

1. How can the Dominican Government be pushed to recognise that the most vulnerable of refugees, such as pregnant women, need proper medical care and treatment?
2. What can the Commission do to promote the rights of pregnant women in these regions?